









# MRS. FREER FIGHTS FOR "MY HONOUR"

A TOUR THAT  
MAY HAVE  
MEANT A LOT

Determined to Enter Australia to  
Refute "Heartless Adventuress" Charge



Ex-King Edward in Wales.—With him are Sir Kingsley Wood (Minister of Health), and (right) the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ernest Brown.

## Marrying Judge Turns Divorce Lawyer

New York, Dec. 20.

JUDGE E. A. FREEMAN, who has married more Hollywood film stars than he can count, is retiring from the marriage business in the film city's Gretna Green—Yuma, Arizona—on January 1.

He has decided that, having earned his fees for marrying film folk, he will now earn fees for divorcing them. HE IS BECOMING A DIVORCE LAWYER.

## Bitter Outcry Against Her Accusers

By A Special Representative

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 20.

Mrs. M. M. Freer, wife of an Indian Army officer who had been refused admission to Australia, in a mood of ice-cold fury to-day gave me the first interview since she arrived here.

In a statement in the Australian Parliament, Mr. Paterson, the Minister of the Interior, declared that an Australian Army officer attached to the Indian Army "had become entangled with Mrs. Freer" whom he described as "a heartless adventuress."

### "This Horrid Business"

"I want to be left to fight for my honour, my name. Surely, I should be allowed to go to Australia to vindicate my name, a woman's most cherished possession," she said.

"Up to now I have declined to discuss this horrid business. But now that they have started to drag my husband, my children, and other relations into this affair I am going to have a lot to say—I have Irish blood in me, you know."

### "I'm In A Cleft Stick"

She walked about her room, her eyes flashing with suppressed fury. "Why—oh, why, should they tell my dear, sweet old mother-in-law about this Australian business?" she asked.

"She is my dearest friend on earth, has always been a mother to me, has had the most implicit faith in me."

"She is 76 years old and ill, and when all this misunderstanding and trouble arose I feared that if she

heard a wrong version of this affair it might cause a relapse."

"So I cabled home asking that she should not be told anything about the case—not for my sake, but for hers."

"I am in a cleft stick. For the life of me I don't know what will come of it all—but I am going to fight and fight hard."

Mrs. Freer told me she had received a cable from the father of Lieutenant Dewar, the Australian officer whose wife she blames for her exclusion from the Commonwealth.

"A PRIVATE AFFAIR." He offered to pay my fare to England by any route, provided I didn't touch at Melbourne," she explained.

"I replied thanking him for his very kind offer and asked if he would also be willing to pay my passage round the world."

"I will not go back to Lahore, as some people suggest," she went on. "This affair has reached a stage when that is impossible. It is not a question of whether I can or cannot marry Lieutenant Dewar."

"I have been described as a 'heartless adventuress,'" she said. "Yet I was interviewed by the immigration officials the question never arose."

"They can apply a dictation test in any language they like to defeat a new arrival."

"They tested me in Italian. I failed—and here I am."

## Galli-Curci Back In Opera

New York, Dec. 18.

Enthusiasing a sympathetic audience, but leaving critics uncertain, Madame Galli-Curci, her throat freed of the goitre which had constricted it, returned to the Chicago opera stage as Mimì in "La Bohème."

She received five curtain calls at the end of the first act, and more at the conclusion of the opera, but they were moved by friendship and sympathy more than by the wild enthusiasm which hailed her operatic debut in the same city 20 years ago in "Rigoletto."

Madame Galli-Curci had been upset before the performance, but at the conclusion she danced and sang and pronounced herself ready to go to any place and do anything her managers want.

Some critics, however, felt that while the old Galli-Curci had gone a less accomplished artist had taken her place. Mr. Herman Devries, of the Chicago American, who claims to have been the first to call her greatness in 1916, wrote: "We cannot have been and be—for such a great artist it is sad. I suffer, perhaps, more than she."

Mr. Edward Stinson, of the Daily News, feels: "She had command of neither voice nor breath. Panic seized her and for three hours the public watched one of the pluckiest fights the theatre has ever seen."

Mr. Edward Barry, of the Tribune, believes: "The answer is neither 'yes' nor 'no.' It is 'may be.' He said: 'She used her voice gingerly. There was much of the old magic in the middle register, but above that she seemed to be feeling her way as if she could not believe that the old growth had gone and she was really free at last.'"

## ZEPP CARRIES GLIDER

Berlin, Dec. 15.

Zeppelin Hindenburg, leaving for South America next Wednesday, will carry a glider built for Hans Olt, who will compete in Argentina—Reuter.

## PLAITS FOR PRINCESSES



Long plaits are still fashionable in Egypt. Princesses Fauza and Falza, sisters of the King, are probably the reason.

## America May Introduce New Calendar

Thirteen - Month System  
Is Recommended to  
State Department

Washington, Dec. 21.

A reformation of the calendar is being advocated by the central statistical board, directed by Secretaries Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Henry A. Wallace, Daniel C. Roper and Frances Perkins.

The proposed plan is to divide the year into 13 months of 28 days each, the months to begin on Sunday and end on Saturday regularly. To give longer week-ends, all holidays would fall on Monday. At the end of every year there would be a "year day" or extra holiday to make the right number of days in a year. In leap years a mid-year extra holiday would be added.

The subject of calendar reform first came before the board when it was asked by the State Department to make a study of the questions involved and to submit a report which could be used in formulating the policy of the U. S. Government.

### RECOMMENDATIONS DRAWN UP

The board has been studying the plan for more than a year and now has a definite report to make to the State Department. The report favours the calendar reform.

It recommends:  
1.—That the United States send representatives to any meeting called by the League of Nations on the subject.

2.—That the United States support proposals for the calling of an international convention on calendar reform.

### WIDESPREAD SUPPORT CITED

The report cites the "increasing advocacy of calendar reform in this country" and the widespread support for a special international convention to discuss the matter thoroughly. It explains that the idea is viewed sympathetically by business interests and agencies of the Federal government dealing with statistics.

Other countries, including England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Holland, Italy and Spain, are aligning themselves with the movement.

Those in favour of the reform have suggested that the new calendar begin on Jan. 1, 1937, which falls on Sunday. Under the present calendar this does not occur again until 1950.

### LAST CARTRIDGE SAVES SIX FROM WILD ELEPHANT

Colombo, Dec. 20.

The last cartridge among a party of six government officials in Ceylon saved them when they were charged by an elephant in the jungle of the Navvi region.

Assistant-Government Agent M. D. S. Jayaratne and G. de Zoysa, deputy registrar of co-operative societies, had gone to the district with friends to transact business. In the morning they went to see the large herds of deer often encountered in the Navvi plains.

Going along a narrow jungle track, they turned a bend only half a mile from camp and came upon a wild elephant. The beast was about to charge when a Sinhalese chieftain accompanying them brought it down with a single shot.

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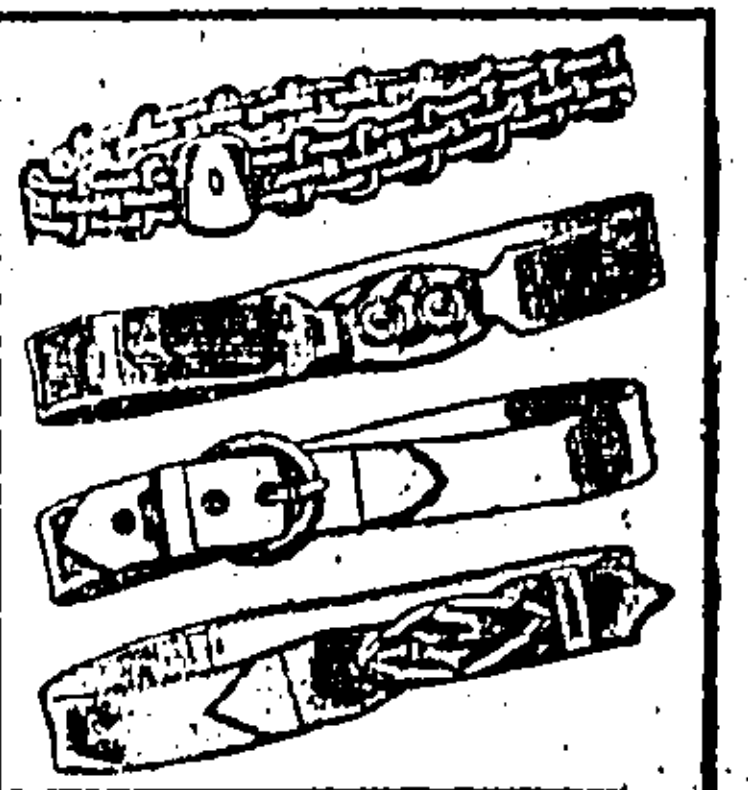
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#### Kowloon Tong Anglican Church Fete

To the Editor:  
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—We would like to thank all who helped towards the success of our recent Garden Fete and those who came and spent so freely. The net proceeds of the Fete now amount to \$1,300 and money is still coming in. The final account will be published in the Church's Monthly Notes.

We wish particularly to thank Mr. F. C. Clemo and the China Light & Power Co., for installation of special lighting, and the Peacock Motion Picture Co. for the use of loud-speaking apparatus, and the following firms who donated goods to be sold at the Fete: Messrs. Anderson Music Co., Bluebird Cafe, British American Tobacco Co., Chellaram's, Colonial Dispensary, Dairy Farm Co., East Asiatic Co., Gilman & Co., Hutchison & Co., Jardine, Matheson & Co., Kowloon Dairy, Kayamall's, Mayfair Co., Nestle Co., Oriental Handicraft Co., Wm. Powell, Ltd., Da Rocha & Co., S. K. Pang, Peninsula Hotel, Sherry & Co., Sincere Co., Watson & Co., Ye Olde Printerie and many others.

Finally, we wish to thank the Press of the Colony and you, Sir, for publicity and other help.

R. Ashwin Hill,  
for Garden Fete Committee,  
Kowloon Tong Anglican Church.

### RADIO BROADCAST

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10.15 p.m. Dance Music.  
11 p.m. Close Down.

### DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

The following wave-length and frequency are observed by Daventry.

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### Transmission 1

4 p.m. Big Ben, Henry Hall's Music.  
4.31 p.m. A Recital by Marjorie Alexander.  
4.39 p.m. The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.  
4.48 p.m. A Recital by Marjorie Alexander.  
4.55 p.m. "The Policeman's Lot." A talk by a sergeant of the Hongkong Police.  
5.10 p.m. "Round London at Night."  
5.40 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.

### Transmission 2

7 p.m. Big Ben, Herald Cinema, at the Organ of the Capital Cinema, Aberdeen.  
7.30 p.m. "Christmas Poems and Legends from Ireland." Read by Florence Marks.  
7.40 p.m. Short Violin Recital by Nancy Phillips.  
7.41 p.m. The Oxford New Theatre Orchestra.  
8 p.m. "Empire Magazine," No. 19.  
8.45 p.m. Jack Wilson and his Versatile Five.  
9 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.  
9.20 p.m. The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.  
9.31 p.m. Billy Mayart.

### Transmission 3

10 p.m. Big Ben, "Empire Affairs."  
10.15 p.m. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra.  
11.15 p.m. "Round London at Night."  
11.45 p.m. The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England.  
12 a.m. Fred Hartley and his Novelties.  
12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.  
1.30 a.m. Grenade.

### PARIS AIR DRAMA

#### BEAUTIFUL GIRL SHOOT PILOT AND TAKES CONTROL

Paris, Dec. 21.  
The whole of France was intrigued by an extraordinary mid-air drama yesterday when a young engineer pilot named Lallemand was found staggering around a field in the outskirts of Paris with a bullet wound in the neck, asserting that a woman passenger had shot him in the back when he was piloting a plane 2,000 feet above Versailles.

He was able to land the plane in a field but his companion flourishing a revolver jumped into the cockpit and took off piloting the plane herself.

He refused to give reasons for the shooting but the affair is generally attributed to a love dispute.

Meanwhile the plane, which carried petrol for 350 miles, was not located overnight, despite a vigilant watch at all aerodromes.

The mystery, however, was cleared up this morning with the news that the plane piloted by a beautiful young French woman giving the name of Madame Schneider Chapulet, crashed near a mill on a farm at Selsey at dusk yesterday. She was uninjured except for cuts and shock. She said she had no idea that she was over England.—Reuter's Special.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R.  
NOTICE.

### Kowloon Water Supply.

It is hereby notified that the water supply in the area immediately north of Prince Edward and Sai Kung Roads and east of Nathan Road will be disconnected for six hours from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd instant. The locality affected will include the whole of Kowloon Tong, and Kowloon City.

During this period, pressure in the Ho Mun Tin District will be reduced.

R. M. HENDERSON,

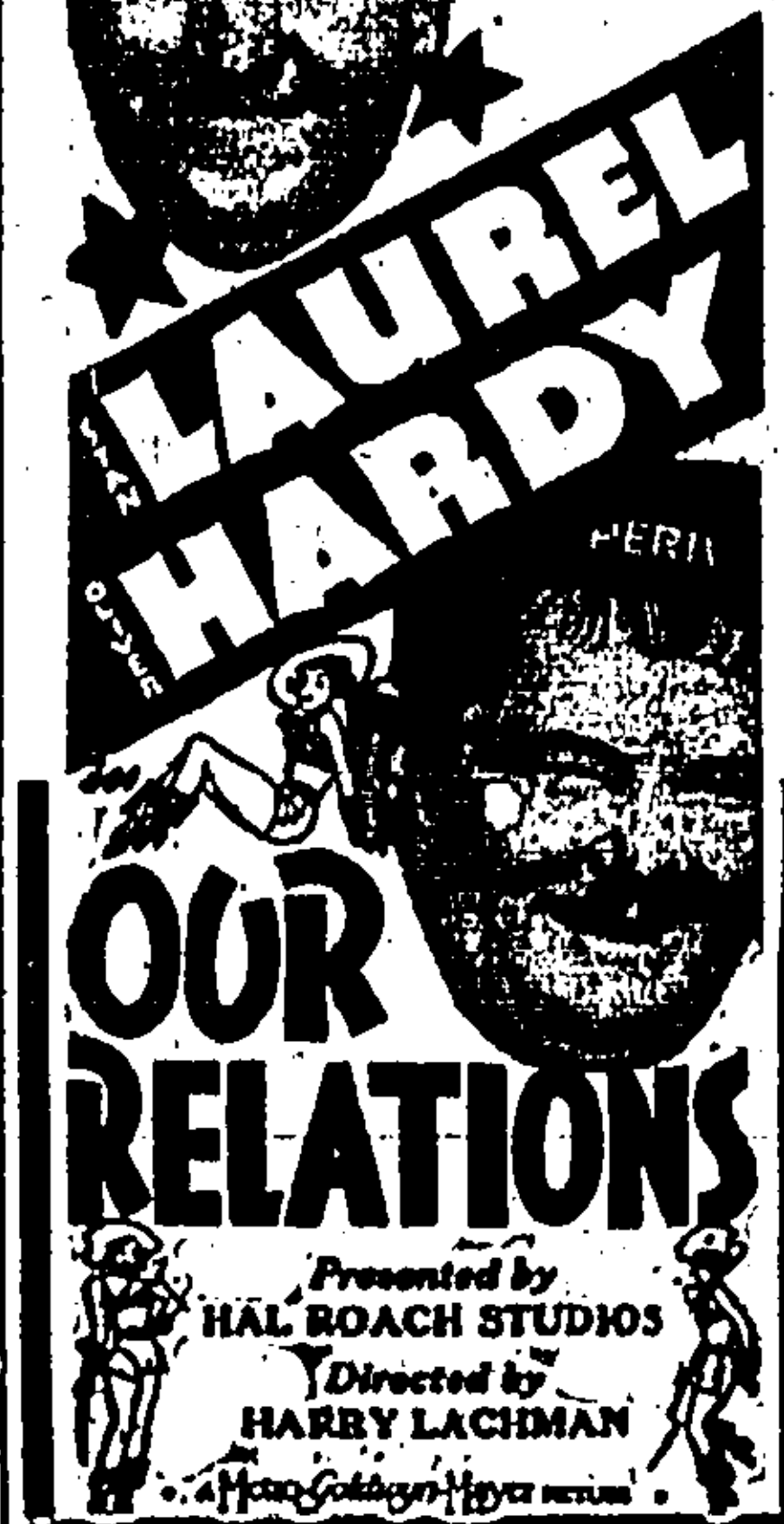
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Public Works Department,  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1936.

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## MINISTERS GOING ON HOLIDAY

### MR. CHAMBERLAIN OUT OF HOSPITAL

London, Dec. 21.  
The Foreign Secretary is leaving London to-morrow for Yorkshire, where he will spend the Christmas and New Year. During this time, Mr. Eden will be in continuous touch with the affairs of his department. The Chancellor of the Exchequer—the only Minister who is going abroad for the holidays—left the nursing home, where he has been for a minor operation, and hopes to travel to France within the next few days.—British Wireless.

### AIR RAID SHELTERS

Rome, Dec. 21.  
An official decree compels all builders of dwelling houses in future to provide adequate air raid protective shelters for the occupants.—Reuter Special.

### RAILWAY DISASTER

Capetown, Dec. 21.  
Eight persons are dead and 35 injured, many gravely, in the derailment of a crowded train bound from Port Elizabeth to Capetown, near Oudshoorn.—Reuter.

### COAL MINE TRAGEDY

Calcutta, Dec. 21.  
The death list in the Paldi coal-mine disaster near here has now reached 208.—United Press.

### TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory reports that the typhoon is in about Long 110, Lat. 7, moving W.N.W.

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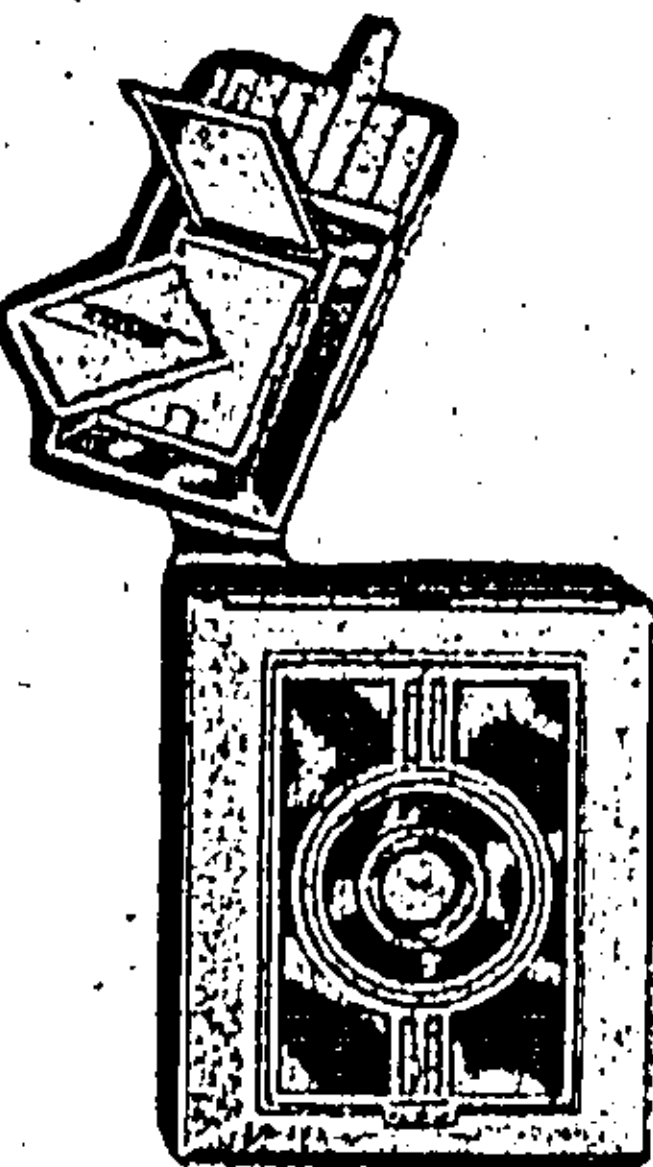
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The King has approved the following appointments in the diplomatic service:—Mr. H. A. Grant Watson, Minister at Helsingfors, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Havana; Mr. T. M. Snow, Minister at Havana, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Helsingfors.—British Wireless.

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Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Fernhill	December 22
London date, 30th Nov.		
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 12th December.	R.M.A. Dorado	December 22
Calcutta, Straits, and Europe via Negapatnam (Papers only) London, 10th November.	Talma	December 22
Java	Tjinegara	December 22
Japan	Alipore	December 23
Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	December 23
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th Nov. and London Parcels—London, 19th Nov.	Ranpura	December 24
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 25
Straits	Bangalore	December 25
Japan and Shanghai	Comorin	December 25
Shanghai	D'Arzagan	December 25
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 25
Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 25
Calcutta and Straits	Salsang	December 25
Straits	Tsushima Maru	December 25
Salgon	Chenonceaux	December 26
Straits	Conto Verde	December 26
Salgon	Tasman	December 27
Japan	Toyama Maru	December 27
Japan	Nagato Maru	December 27
Straits	Telcelas	December 28
Shanghai	Ajax	December 29
Straits	Ginyo Maru	December 29
Japan	Kolohira Maru	December 29
Straits	Van Heutz	December 29
Japan	Nankin	December 30
Shanghai	Atrous	December 31
Japan	Talamba	December 31
Shanghai	Tailhybus	December 31
Japan	Africa Maru	January 1
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 12th December)	Emp. of Canada	January 1
Japan and Shanghai	Fuchimi Maru	January 1
Straits	Hokusan Maru	January 1
Shanghai	Somali	January 1
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 2
Java and Manila	Tjisroca	January 2

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. plane	Tues. Dec. 22
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 22, Noon
	Letters	Dec. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Tues. Dec. 22, 12.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Tues. Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Haitan	Tues. Dec. 22, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only).	Arden	Tues. Dec. 22, 4.30 p.m.
—Due Vancouver B.C., 9th January and "Europe via Siberia."	Empress of Asia	Tues. Dec. 22
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Fochow and North China (via Shanghai)	Parcels	Dec. 22, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5.00 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
	Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Fochow and North China (via Shanghai)	Tues. Dec. 22
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru	Wed. Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Fochow via Swatow	Nanchang	Wed. Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Selatan	Wed. Dec. 23, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed. Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Friday		
Letters for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri. Dec. 25
—Due London, 4th January	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service."	R.M.A. Dorado	Fri. Dec. 25
—Due Darwin, 29th December	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5.00 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Ranpura	Fri. Dec. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island (Due Thursday Island, 7th January).	Atsuta Maru	Fri. Dec. 25
Salgon and Europe via Marseilles—(Due Marseilles, 22nd January.)	Reg.	Dec. 25, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Kwangtung	Fri. Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
"Manila, and Europe via Marseilles (Due Marseilles, 17th January) and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg"	Scharnhorst	Fri. Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Tjinegara	Fri. Dec. 25, 10 a.m.
Saturday		
Letters for "E. L. M. Service"	Comorin	Sat. Dec. 26
—Due Amsterdam, 4th January	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 9.30 a.m.
	Letters	Sat. Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
Shanghai	Conte Verde	Sat. Dec. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Marseilles	Chenonceaux	Sat. Dec. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles. (Due Marseilles, 22nd January.)	Comorin	Sat. Dec. 26
	G.P.O. & K.F.O.	
	Parcels	Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kingyuan	Sat. Dec. 26, 10.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco. (Due San Francisco, 24th Jan.)	Pleasantville	Sat. Dec. 26
	Parcels	Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 26, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Sunday		
Straits and Calcutta	Kumsung	Sun. Dec. 27
Parcels	Reg.	Dec. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	Fri. Dec. 28, 1 p.m.
Tuesday		
Holhow	Mulan	Tues. Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjinalak	Tues. Dec. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Taiwan	Tues. Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Fochow via Swatow	Ninghal	Wed. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—(Due Marseilles, 27th January and London Parcels—due London, 2nd February.)	Ajax	Wed. Dec. 30
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Parcels	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.

\*Superscribed correspondence only.



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT GIVEN BY ELDER PUPILS OF GARRISON SCHOOL

Excellent Christmas entertainment was presented by the elder children of the Garrison School for their parents, yesterday evening, in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

Among those present were Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew, Major Joseph, the Rev. E. H. Tribbeck and the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Bateman.

The entertainment opened with two plays by A. A. Milne, "The King and the Dwarfs" and "The Boy in the Bush," performed by Standard II.

The joyful Christmas spirit of this week was effectively captured by the Seniors when they rendered such well-known carols as "It came upon the Midnight Clear," "God rest ye merry gentlemen," "While Shepherds Watched" and "Good Christian Men Rejoice."

An unusual item followed, entitled "A Christmas Masque," by Standard III. To a catching tune, the dancers in the background welcomed the Winter, who in turn welcomed the Wind, Father Christmas and Feasting.

## Excellent Pianist

The first of the delightful piano solos played by Eileen Smythe was next in the programme. This youthful performer has a delicate touch and has mastered some of the most difficult compositions with ease.

During the concert, she gave another piano solo which was also very well received. It would be a pleasure to hear artist like Eileen Smythe from the ZBW Studio.

The next item was a colourful and interesting playlet, "Robin Hood and the Sheriff," acted with great gusto by Standards Upper III and IV.

The last act before the interval was capably handled by the Juniors. Entitled "The Jacks—a musical play," it was heartily applauded by the large gathering of parents. The story of the playlet dealt with our own John (or Jack) Bull who decided to invite to his party all the Jacks known in nursery rhymes, fairy tales and songs. There then entered Jack of Beantalk fame, Jack the Giant Killer, Jack Spratt and his wife, Jack Tar, Jack Frost, Jack Sweeney and the Union Jack. One of the most amusing touches of the little actor who represented "The House that Jack Built," he was hidden with the cat, the mouse,

the dog and the cow and John Bull, remembering him, said, "Judging by your appearance I thought you were making a moonlight flit!"

Thanks Extended

During the interval, Warrant Officer Imrie tendered thanks to the Rev. H. W. Balnes, the loan of the hall and co-operation; Bandmaster H. A. H. of the 1st Bait. Uister Rides and his assistants for providing music for the Nativity play; Mrs. Hole for helping; Staff Sergeant Hartley, R.E., for arranging foot-lights; Yut Hing for erecting piping for the stage curtains; Mrs. Diver for assisting with the children's costumes; Eileen Smythe, a former pupil, for kindly offering to assist with the concert; and finally the parents for their co-operation. He also announced that as a result of the entertainment, a sum of \$44 is being handed to the Society for the Protection of Children in Hongkong.

The latter half of the programme opened with an amusing play, "The Cratchits' Christmas Dinner," dramatized from Dickens' "Christmas Carol." The players were:—D. J. Jordan (Mrs. Cratchit), P. Cook (Bob Cratchit), J. Hanman, V. Thompson, C. Nicholson, D. Dovey, J. Wilkin, S. Pearce (children). The actors seemed to thoroughly enjoy this play as they had liberal helpings of goose and plum pudding washed down by a mouthful of orange water.

This was followed by D. McCausland very ably rendering a recitation of "The Walrus and the Carpenter," by Lewis Carroll.

Nativity Play

The final and most imposing item on the programme was the "Nativity Play." Considerable time and care had obviously been taken with this entertainment and, judging by the rounds of applause at the conclusion, it was well worth the effort.

This play opened with a prologue by K. Hill and was followed by five scenes including "The Annunciation," "Birth outside Bethlehem," "Herod's Court" and "The Manger." Following the singing by the angels and the hidden choir of "Come all ye faithful" and "Holy Night," an impressive and beautiful completed the entertainment for the evening.

The players were: D. Manders (Mary), M. Farrar (Gabriel), J. Clewer (Herod), D. Manders (Joseph), E. Leeves (Innkeeper), Bland (Servant), A. Imrie and T. Dwyer (Children), J. Cuell, E. Erwin, M. Mann (Wise Men), J. Lobban and F. Morley (Attendants), D. McCausland, T. Ewart, D. Beidges (Shepherds).

# RARE MUSICAL TREAT 56-PIECE ORCHESTRA FROM ROYAL MARINES

A musical entertainment, seldom heard in Hongkong, will be given at the China Fleet Club next Monday at 8.30 p.m. when a massed band from the Royal Marines will give an orchestral concert of popular music, under the direction of Mr. R. E. Compton. The orchestra will be comprised of 56 pieces, a fact which should appeal to music lovers as it is many years since a combination of this size has been heard in the Colony.

The programme has been carefully selected so as to include some of the best known orchestral melodies. It opens with the full orchestra playing the Grand March from Wagner's "Tannhauser," and includes such popular items as Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 1, a selection from "The Gondoliers," a selection from "The Merry Widow," Strauss's "Beautiful Danube" waltz, "Caucasian Dances" and selections from "Lilac Time."

Solo items include Grieg's "Sol-veig's Song" (cello) and a violin duet "The Herd Girl's Dream."

The orchestra, which will perform by kind permission of His Excellency Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Fleet, will be drawn from the Royal Marine bands on H.M.S. Cumberland, H.M.S. Hermes, H.M.S. Dorsetshire and H.M.S. Warwick.

Proceeds are in aid of naval charities. Admission to the circle is \$1 and to the stalls, 75 cents. Bookings can be made at Anderson's.

The full programme is as follows: Grand March ("Tannhauser") Wagner. Rhapsody ("No. 1") Liszt. Cello solo ("Sol-veig's Song") Grieg. Violin Duet ("The Herd Girl's Dream") Labinsky. Selection ("The Gondoliers") Sullivan. Selection ("The Merry Widow") Saint-Saens. Waltz ("Beautiful Danube") Strauss. Sketches ("Caucasian") Jppollott-Ivanoff. Selection ("Lilac Time") Schubert. March ("A Life on the Ocean Wave") God Save the King.

# CINEMA NOTES

Vivid and spine-tingling, Columbia's "Too Tough To Kill" which opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre, is one of those excellent action dramas blended with a real romance that makes the picture grand entertainment. Victor Jory, and Sally O'Neill are featured. Victor Jory, as John O'Hara, is placed in charge of the tunnel project of the Colorado River Aqueduct through the Sierra Nevada Mountains when work has lagged far behind schedule. Jory is recognized as the best hard-rock tunnel engineer in the business and it is his job to rush the project to completion, otherwise the Whitney Construction Company will be bankrupt. At the same time Ann Miller, beautiful and clever newspaper woman, played by Sally O'Neill is sent by her paper to the construction camp to discover why work is so far behind schedule. Miss O'Neill dislikes Jory intensely after their first meeting because he is different to her and refuses to allow her to approach the tunnel. When Sally O'Neill discovers that the assistant and his group of villainous henchmen plan to murder a group of miners working in the mine, and kill Jory in the catastrophe also by setting off a charge of dynamite, she changes her mind and tries to save the miners and the man she really loves. "Too Tough To Kill" rises from that point on to a dramatic climax that is thoroughly convincing and thrilling. The splendid acting of both Victor Jory and Sally O'Neill is deserving of high praise and the picture is included in the story by director D. Ross Lederman is excellent. Included in the fine supporting cast of "Too Tough To Kill" are Ward Bond, Thurston Hall, Gene Morgan, Frank Rice, Robert Gleckler and Johnny Arthur.

Starring an exciting new love team, handsome Robert Taylor and lovely Lucette Young, "Secret Intimacy" the new Fox triumph, now at the King's Theatre, is being acclaimed one of the year's outstanding romantic hits. Taylor's debonair manner and youthful banter complements Miss Young's beauty and wide-eyed appeal perfectly. And, added to the thrilling love story, suspense, drama and comedy by the irrepressible Patsey Kelly, Basil Rathbone and Marjorie are also featured prominently in the supporting cast. "Secret Intimacy" was directed by Icy Dal Ruth with Raymond Griffith as associate, was written by Gene Markey and William Conselman, based on a play by Cleves Kinkaid.

"Imitation of Life"

The screen has shown nothing finer than "Imitation of Life," John M. Stahl's Universal production drama which is now at the Majestic Theatre, with Claude Colbert in the starring role. Stahl has long been known as a master in the direction of domestic drama, and here he has undoubtedly exceeded all his past efforts. This may also be said of the versatile Miss Colbert, who delivers in this picture a characterisation which she has never before approached. In moods of gaiety or of tragic drama she is equally effective, and at all times altogether charming. Warren William is an attractive figure as her lover in the later sequences of the story, and Ned Sparks is his delightful self as the star-villager Elmer. Rochelle Hudson and Fredi Washington are pleasing as the two young girls in the story, the first as the white daughter of the widowed Miss Colbert, and the latter as the mulatto child of Louise Beavers. Miss Beavers is excellent in the greatest screen role ever played by a coloured person. Of the children, three-year-old Baby Jane is revealed as a remarkable child, actress of definite starring possibilities.

"My American Wife"

Francis Lederer has never been given a better screen role than his current one in the Paramount film romance, "My American Wife," which is showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre. "My American Wife" is a lightfooted romance brought to the screen with a flair which only Lederer and a star of Miss Sothern's type could provide. The story itself, from a Saturday Evening Post feature by Elmer Davis, is refreshingly unique, and the cast lined up behind the principals is unusually capable. Heading the list is Fred Stone, veteran player who appears as an old Arizona pioneer with a Western contempt for the spangles and airs of foreign nobility. Billie Burke, Ernest Cossart and Grant Mitchell are outstanding among those that follow. In "My American Wife," Lederer is a foreign Count who marries an American girl, Miss Sothern, purely for love. They return to Arizona, where the girl, prompted by her mother, begins to capitalize on the social prestige lent her by the Count's title. Reversing the familiar scheme of things, the Count himself rebels. He wants to be a real American, a cowboy and ranch operator. He takes Stone as his best friend, and starts learning to roll his own cigarettes and wear a ten-gallon hat. The conflict which follows heads the couple toward divorce, but they are reunited by a bit of deception staged by Stone.

The Health and Strength League Christmas carnival ball is to be held at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, December 24, at 8.30 p.m. There will be two special novelty turns. By courtesy of Capt. J. C. Leach, M.V.O. R.N. and Officers, the dance-band of H.M.S. Cumberland will be in attendance.

# NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET IRREGULAR YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 21. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets.—The market today was irregularly lower and quiet. Leading industrial issues declined; specialties and non-ferrous metal issues advanced; railroad stocks steadied on short covering and then declined, but some issues gained slightly. Utility securities were mixed; mercantile shares were lower; motor stocks were weak and chemical shares declined widely. With the exception of labour difficulties and railroad freight rates, there is little in the news to affect the market. The bonds market was irregularly lower. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregular.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal morning comment.—The Street believes that railroad freight rates will be increased in January, but they will not be enough to offset the loss of emergency rates. Some professional traders are now bearish. Wall Street is wondering if the higher foreign copper prices will advance the domestic price above 11 cents. The suggestion that the Interstate Commerce Commission's surcharge decision will result in fewer new equipment orders.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: Securities were again in moderate supply, but the undertone remains firm. A further period of irregularity is indicated. Lead prices to-day advanced by 40 points to 6 cents per lb. The Times Business Index for the past week is 100.6, against the revised figure of 100.3 for the previous week and 94.4 during the corresponding period of last year.

Cotton: The threatened Lancashire mill strike has been averted. Ginnings up to December 12 amounted to 11,704,980 bales. There was some light hedging and liquidation on a thin and quiet market. Sentiment is bullish, but we doubt if there will be any material advance in price at present.

Wheat: The Government estimates the acreage of winter wheat at 37,107,000 acres, an increase of 15 per cent; the condition of the crop is estimated at 75.8 per cent of normal, a decrease of 2.4 per cent. This report is construed as bearish. While a technical correction is still believed to be justified owing to the present prices, a permanently lower market is improbable with the present world's outlook. We would, however, consider purchases to reactions. The visible supply for the past week shows an increase of 1,889,000 bushels.

Corn: Increasing receipts are not pressing sales. On the other hand, the tight December position is a strengthening factor. The visible supply for the past week shows an increase of 1,509,000 bushels.

Rubber: We hear talks of a considerably higher price, but a technical reaction is possible and caution is advisable on upturns. The English stocks of rubber have declined by 1,271 tons to 80,355 tons.

## REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:		
	Dec. 19.	Dec. 21.
30 Industrials	177.61	175.85
20 Rails	117.01	115.85
20 Utilities	52.70	51.06
40 Bonds	105.35	105.15
11 Commodity Index	70.30	70.10

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

New York Cotton		
	Dec. 20/21	Dec. 14/14
January	12.21/22	12.10/19
March	12.12/14	12.07/07
May	12.01/02	11.98/98
July	11.68/68	11.64/64
October	12.81	12.78

New York Rubber		
	Dec. 20/21	Dec. 14/14
March	20.41b/43a	20.33/33
May	20.32b/37a	22.22b/24a
July	20.25b/30a	20.20a
Sept.	20.20b/24a	20.13/13
Total sales: 4740 tons.		

Chicago Wheat		
	Dec. 19/20	Dec. 14/14
Dec.	138 1/2/138 3/4	138 1/2/138 3/4
May	132 1/2/132 3/4	132 1/2/132 3/4
July	117 1/2/118	117 1/2/117 3/4
Saturday's sales: 40,003,000 bushels.		

Chicago Corn		
	Dec. 19/20	Dec. 14/14
Dec.	108 1/2/109	109 1/2/109 1/2
May	103 1/2/103 3/4	103 1/2/103 3/4
July	99 1/2/99 3/4	99 1/2/99 3/4

Chicago Corn New Contract		
	Dec. 19/20	Dec. 14/14
Dec.	104 1/2/104 3/4	105 1/2/105 3/4
May	101 1/2/101 3/4	101 1/2/101 3/4

Winnipeg Wheat		
	Dec. 19/20	Dec. 14/14
Dec.	125 1/2/125 3/4	124 1/2/124 3/4
May	124 1/2/124 3/4	124 1/2/124 3/4



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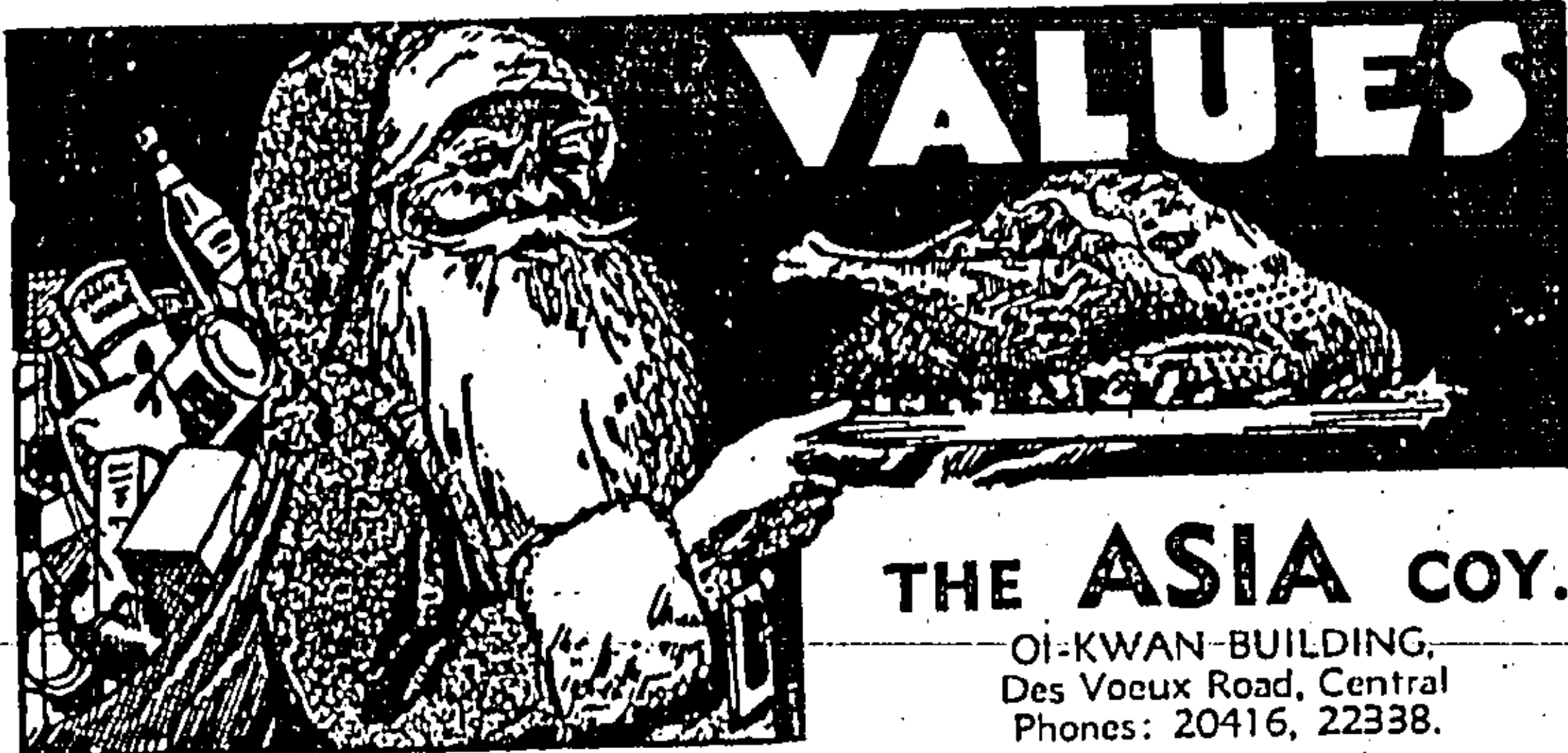
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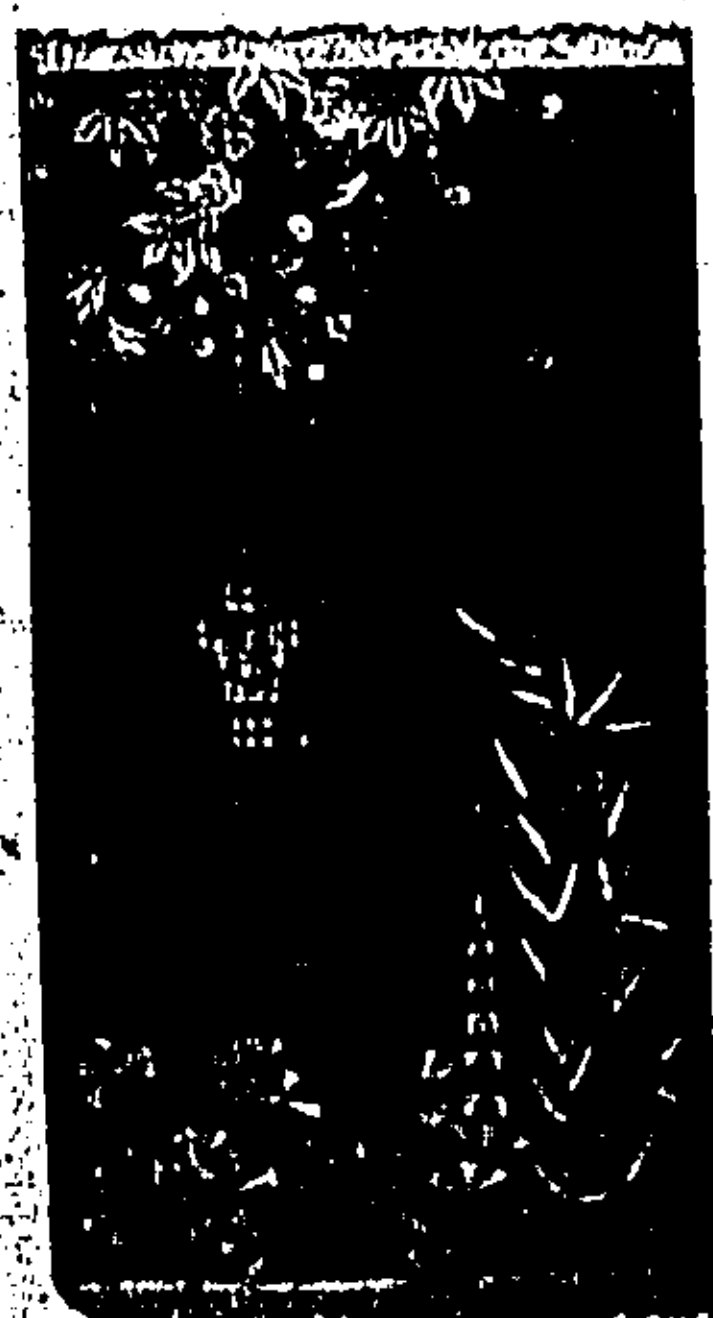
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## WEDDING GALA FOR A DUKE

*Arundel Plans Public Presentation*

### Town's Rejoicings at Engagement

By F. G. PRINCE-WHITE

ARUNDEL, Sussex, Dec. 18.

ARUNDEL folk are gazing with a new interest at the grey towers of the Duke of Norfolk's castle here: already they are picturing the scene of jubilation when the young Hereditary Earl Marshal of England and Chief Butler to the King brings home his bride-to-be, the Hon. Lavinia Mary Strutt, aged 20, Lord Belper's only daughter.

All of them are delighted by the announcement of the engagement. It was unexpected news, for not even officials who most enjoy the duke's confidence had an inkling of it before he telephoned to his agent, Capt. Mostyn, here yesterday and directed him to inform the mayor and deputy-mayor.

"We received a confidential note in which the duke expressed his wish that we should know of his engagement before it was made public," the mayor, Councillor Arthur Greaves, told me to-day.

"Nothing could make the town happier than to see him happily married."

#### A TOWN BANQUET

The duke, who is 28, was Mayor of Arundel for the past municipal year. He made no mention at the traditional dinner given here to him on November 9 of his intention to marry.

Councillor Greaves was mayor in 1929, when Arundel celebrated the duke's coming-of-age. Now it will fall to him again to lead the town in rejoicing on the duke's wedding day.

"I have told the duke, in a letter of congratulation from the town, that we shall give a great welcome to his bride," he said to me.

Preparations for the home-coming were tentatively discussed at a meeting here to-night of the committee presided over by the mayor which is organising the local Coronation celebrations.

#### WEDDING GIFT FUND

The town will be hung with flags and bunting, as it was at the duke's coming-of-age, and it is thought that there will be a great banquet in the ancient Barons' Hall at Arundel Castle, in whose lofty windows the duke's ancestors and stirring scenes in his family's history are portrayed.

No intimation has yet been received of the date of the wedding. The general opinion is that it will be at Westminster Cathedral.

I understand that there will be a public subscription for a wedding presentation. To mark his coming-of-age Arundel gave the duke a gold cigarette case, which was presented to him in the town square. It is hoped that it may be possible to present the town's wedding gift in a similarly public manner.

#### "Snowed Under"

The Duke of Norfolk spent the day in London yesterday, attending to important details of his Coronation work as Earl Marshal. During the afternoon Miss Strutt travelled from the country to be with him.

"They have been snowed under with messages of good will," said the duke's secretary to a London reporter last night.

Miss Strutt had been staying with her mother, the former Lady Belper, now the Countess of Rosebery, at Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard.

She has for some time been a close friend of the duke's sisters, Lady Katherine, Lady Winifred, and Lady Rachel Howard.

A public engagement at which the duke may appear with his fiancée will be to-morrow's charity concert at Norfolk House in aid of the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

His mother, the Duchess of Norfolk, will be the hostess, and she is giving a private dinner party before-hand.

The probability of Miss Strutt's embracing the Roman Catholic faith, to which the duke's family has for centuries been attached, will be discussed by both families in the immediate future.

It is decided to do so as the will be required to take "instruction" lasting some weeks before receiving baptism, making her first communion, and being confirmed in the Faith.

#### A New Prayer Book

Liverpool, Dec. 15.  
A campaign within the Church of England to obtain a revised Prayer Book will be launched at a public meeting in Liverpool on Wednesday by Dr. Pollock, Bishop of Norwich, Sir Thomas Inskip, and the Dean of Liverpool, Dr. F. W. Dwyer.

The National Church League is directing the campaign, and Liverpool has been chosen as the jumping-off ground because of the prominent part played by the city in the controversy nine years ago which ended in the House of Commons rejecting the first version of a revised Prayer Book.

Leaders of the new campaign aim at a modernised and simplified version of the Prayer Book, omitting one of two controversial portions.

Canon A. G. Bernard, of Anfield, chairman of the Liverpool Truth and Faith Committee, said to-night that their object was to enrich the Prayer Book.

"Although we are very frank nowadays, most people will admit that there are passages that are crude and distasteful—parts of the marriage service, for instance. It might be decided to take out the word 'obey.'"



Vittorio, Mussolini's eldest son, has received his father's permission to go into films. After completing studies at Hollywood, he will enter a position in the Italian film administration.

### Rats Ended A Civilisation

May Do So Again

Hamilton, N.Y., Dec. 19.

Diseased rats and not a superior race of men exterminated the Neanderthal cave-dwellers, Prof. Harold O. Whitnall, head of the department of geology at Colgate University, said to-day.

Students of pre-historic times generally have agreed that the Neanderthals were exterminated by the Cro-magnons, a superior race, but Whitnall said that such a sudden extinction of one race by another has never been accomplished.

### Coronation Will Be Televised

By A Radio Correspondent

All difficulties in the way of televising and broadcasting the Coronation have now been overcome, and I understand that the B.B.C. is shortly to issue to the radio authorities of the world an invitation to relay the broadcast free of charge.

It will be the biggest broadcast ever made. Scores of microphones are to be used along the routes and in Westminster Abbey.

Television presents a special problem, but this is likely to be solved by the use of a £20,000 van, which is being built for the occasion.

#### WILL IT BE FILMED?

The decision about a film of the Coronation will be made by the Coronation Committee of the Privy Council, of which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord President, is the chairman.

Some announcement on the whole position is expected fairly soon, in view of the technical difficulties to be overcome if permission is granted to film the ceremony.

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Whitnall said he believed lemmings, short-tailed rats, carried a disease which killed off the Neanderthals.

"These lemmings were afflicted with a disease similar to the bubonic plague which killed 40,000,000 people in Europe during the middle ages," he said. "Fleas left the dead or dying rats, bit the Neanderthals, gave them the plague and the entire race was destroyed.—United Press.



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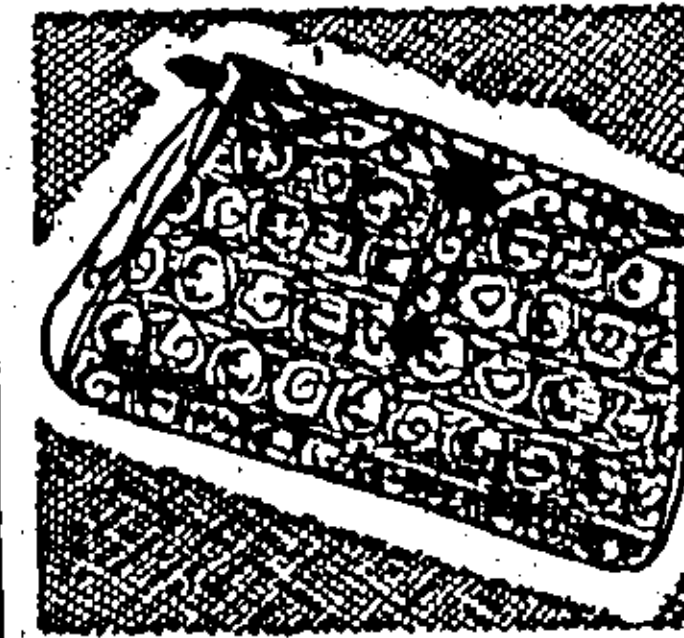
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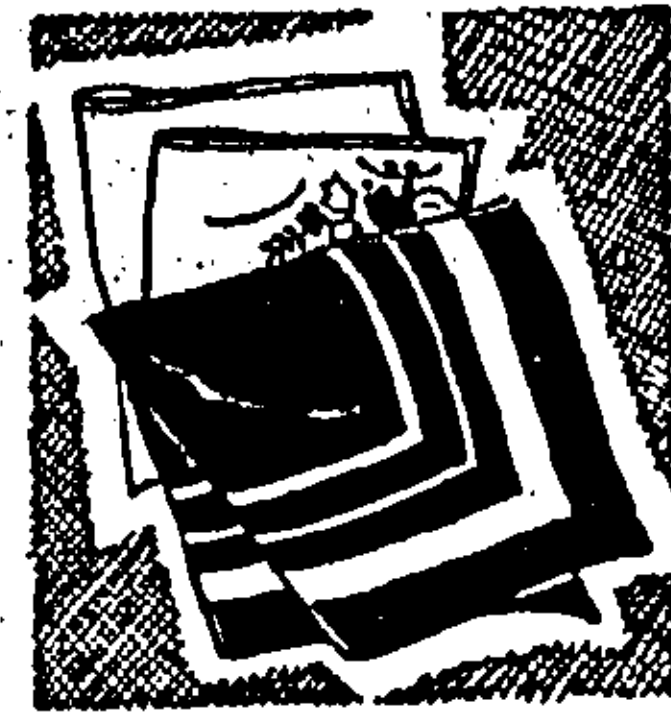
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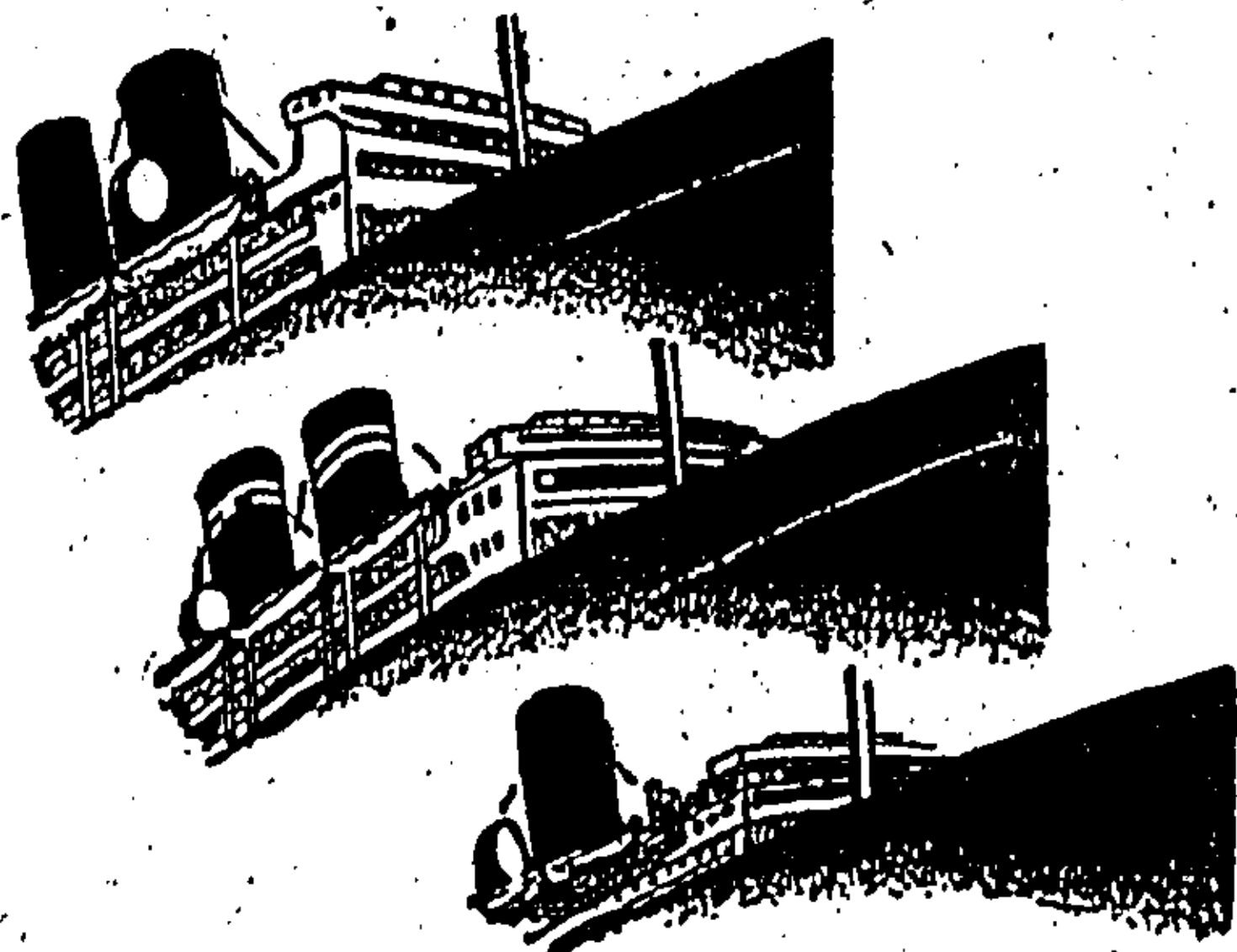


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Take a look at the world diamond still. The Diamond Corporation can get four times as much for diamonds from the cutters of Holland, Belgium and America as it did a few years ago.

The average price of diamonds has gone up 60 per cent. since the world slump. It will go higher yet.

Diamonds of large size (ten carats and over) are actually fetching higher prices than they have ever done before.

There were 40 per cent. more cut stones imported into the United States in the first six months of 1936 than for a corresponding period a year earlier.

### GREATEST BUYERS

Americans are at the moment the world's greatest buyers of diamonds. They regard them as a gilt-edged security. After the Americans come the French. The British are buying more diamonds than they formerly did, but we are still very small buyers comparatively.

There is a great shortage of diamonds in Germany. Only money which has been paid out to buy "essential" (not luxury) articles is permitted by the German Government to leave the country. Therefore if diamonds are sold openly in Germany the seller cannot take his money out of the country. The trade is not worth while.

It is stated that if a buyer went into Germany with half a million pounds' worth of diamonds he could sell them in a single day.

Practically the only stones sold in Germany are those which are smuggled in and the money for them smuggled out. These are not small in quantity, though.

Diamonds are gradually becoming rare. Fewer and fewer of the larger stones are being found. They are gradually becoming more and more valuable.

### POURING IN

In the twenty years between 1910 and 1930 the yield per ton of ore from the great Jagersfontein mine dropped almost 60 per cent.

Among these favoured by fate in the diamond situation are the Spanish grandees, whose jewels are now pouring into the London and Paris markets.

But by far the most interesting part of the world situation to-day is the fact that the diamond is being put to work.

Only half the diamonds mined are fitted for jewellery. The rest, though just as hard, are discoloured. They are brownish or yellowish.

A certain proportion, but not a large one, of these have always been used in industry.

But of recent years the demand for industrial diamonds has increased by leaps and bounds.

The truth of the matter is that industry cannot do without them. If the supply of the cheap discoloured ones failed, manufacturers would have to buy the brilliant diamonds out of jewellers' shops.

### VITAL TO MACHINERY

This situation actually arose during the war on a limited scale. Germany could get no industrial diamonds and they had to take the stones out of women's rings to make their guns.

To-day diamonds are used everywhere to true up the very hard carbide wheels which grind into shape every part of modern machinery.

Nothing else will cut the carbide wheels. Without these wheels—no modern machinery. Hardly any one yet realises the extent to which the industry in this country is coming to centre round the diamond.

The motor-car industry could not go on for a minute without diamonds. The tool which grinds the aluminium piston to take a perfect fit with the cylinder is pointed with a diamond.

The Ford Motor Company in America has a thousand of them in constant use.

The precision cutting of steel, a vital factor in every machine of this machine age, can now be done at about a tenth of the former cost. This has come about because very hard alloys have been discovered to make the cutting tool.

Neither guns nor airplanes could be made without diamonds. All the wonderful accuracy and efficiency of machinery of which the modern world boasts is achieved only through these stones.

Even bread depends on them. The rollers which roll out the flour are ground into shape with a wheel turned up by a diamond. As a result of all this the price of the best class of industrial diamonds has doubled.

### WORLD SHORTAGE

A few years ago, the sales of the Diamond Corporation were crammed with useless discoloured "industrial diamonds." They were looked upon in the light of a white elephant.

Since then the whole situation has changed. The "valueless" stones have been sold off gradually for millions of pounds. Sold off to such an extent that there is a world shortage.

That is one of the least expected strokes of luck the Corporation has had.

One of the biggest British firms of industrial diamond distributors sold 3,000,000 stones last year.

And who dominates the world's supply?

The name of the man is Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, the head of the Diamond Corporation, who lives in Johannesburg.

### WOMAN, 118, LIVES UNDER 4 FLAGS,

SPANISH, MEXICAN, TEXAS AND U.S.

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 20.—"Hard work—and plenty of it," is Mrs. Anacleto Curmargos formula for longevity.

Mrs. Curmargos, born 118 years ago in Old Mexico, lives in an adobe hut in southern New Mexico with her youngest son, a "lad" of 70. She calls him "mi hijo"—"my little boy."

She chops wood, does washing and other household chores and can thread a needle, despite her advanced age.

"I am happy to live as long as I can work," she says. "When I am unable to get around, I'll be willing to die. Not before."

She has lived under four flags—Spanish, Mexican, Texas Republic and United States—and has seen more than 100 years of Southwestern border history made.—United Press.

## Widow In Tears As Husband Is Buried With Second "Wife"

Horbury, Yorkshire, Dec. 15.

THE bodies of Jack Hodgson, a young Midgeley bricklayer, and of the girl of 26 who was believed to be his wife, were buried in the same grave here to-day. They were killed together in a motor accident.

Hodgson's legal wife—the woman whose dramatic evidence at the inquest on the dead man revealed that they were married in 1920 and that not having seen him for 12 years she had assumed him dead and had married again—was at the graveside.

## Museum Flies Will Be Safe

Nine spiders' webs, ingeniously mounted between sheets of glass and made visible by baby powder and a black background, form a new and interesting exhibit at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

Leaning on the arm of the man she had believed was her husband—Mr. W. Bruce, of Craven-street, Middlesbrough—the woman sobbed bitterly as the body of her husband was lowered into the grave. Near her were relatives of May Bowers, the pretty young weaver whom Hodgson "married" 13 weeks ago and who was killed with him.

Her coffin was carried to the grave by girls from the mill in which she had worked. Hodgson's coffin was first lowered into the grave and was followed by that of the girl.

"Mr. Bruce and I will be married as soon as matters are cleared up," the real Mrs. Hodgson said to-day.

### V.C. LANCE CORPORAL DEAD

Ex-Lance Corporal W. R. Parker, who was awarded the V.C. for bravery at Gallipoli in 1915, has died at Stapleford, Nottingham.

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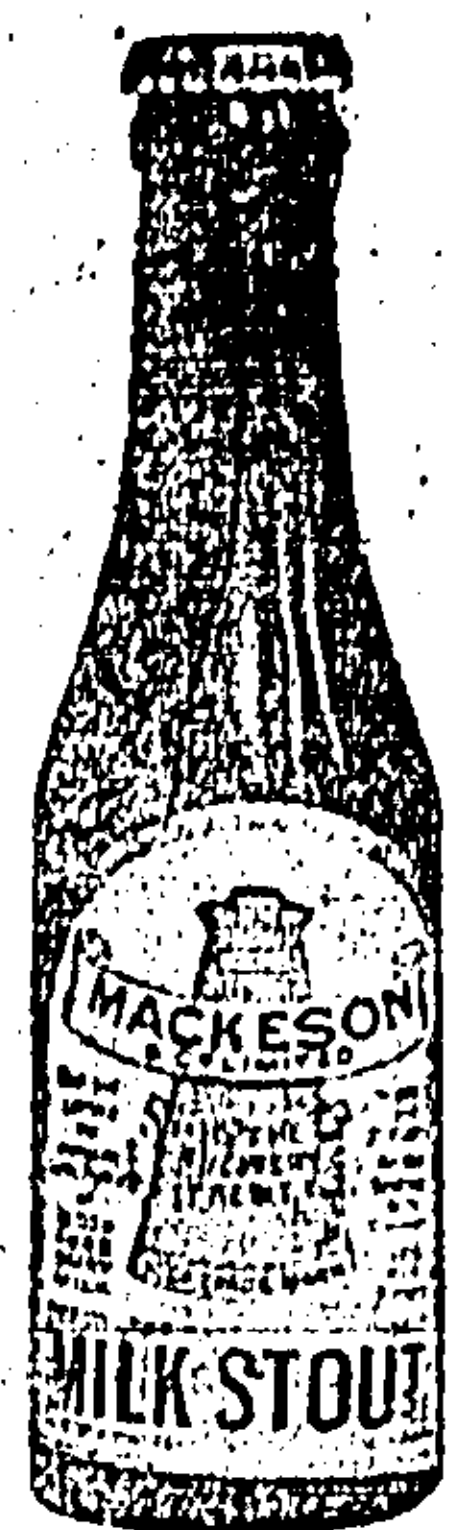
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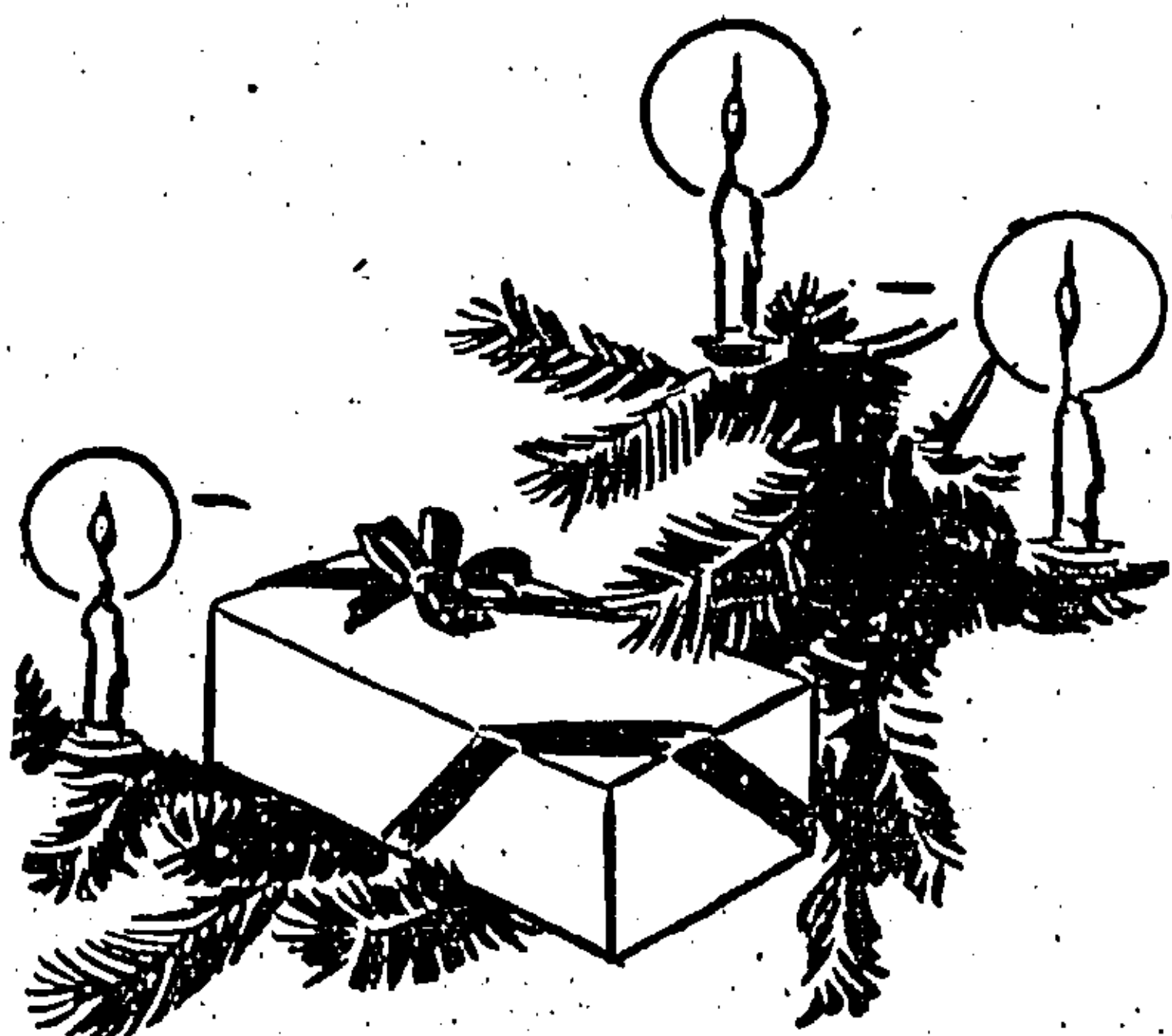
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### ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Reception arranged for 5 p.m. to-day at 203 The Peak, following upon the marriage of Mr. Allstair Drummond to Miss Lenore Urnston has been postponed until to-morrow, Wednesday, December 23rd at 12.30 p.m. in Lane Crawford's Reception Room, (Exchange Building, First Floor).

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1936.

### WORLD TRADE OUTLOOK

There is evidence on all hands that Britain is definitely emerging from the long years of trade depression. It is also shown, by statistics issued by the International Labour Office, that the current year has almost everywhere witnessed improved industrial production as compared with 1935, but this has not been so marked as in the case of Britain. Unemployment is being slowly reduced in most countries, but not to the same extent as the recovery in industrial output. Greater internal industrial production is, of course, one thing, and world trade another. Britain is vitally concerned in foreign trade, and it is therefore regrettable that world commerce as a whole has not yet shown a general tendency to recover. As it had dropped about one-third, it has a long climb if ever it is to regain its former position. Without question, the policy of national self-sufficiency now enforced by so many countries is one of the biggest factors in preventing international trade expansion. The consequence is that we cannot hope for any marked growth until there is a generally-adopted revision of economic policy. Something is, however, being done by the conclusion of trade agreements as occasion arises, in which connection the British plan of entering into new trade relationships with as many countries as possible is undoubtedly proving beneficial. The great need of the times—a need which is daily becoming more evident—is the removal of those hampering restrictions which stop the normal flow of commerce. Britain is particularly anxious that this question shall be tackled, and it is widely hoped that she will soon be able to conclude an agreement with the United States, to the mutual benefit of both countries. Such a move would not only be welcome from the viewpoint of the

sions when an audience has forgotten what the critics impudently call good manners, and has expressed its disgust with a play, there has appeared the next day in print some passing reference to the lack of decorum of "those in the cheaper seats." Cheaper seats! Ha! Pray, what did the critics or the dyed and plastered women pay for their seats? Not a sou.

THE docile public has been told dozens of times that the actors and actresses are not to blame for a bad play. But if the poor actors and actresses were met with a storm of abuse some shows would take pains not to produce drivel.

To-day, they rely on the abominable "refinement" of the audience to unload rubbish. For the critics, who not only pay nothing, but actually earn money, can be trusted to write so many broad acres of vague comment that even their faint disapproval can be quoted as praise; and the frantic applause of the amateur's friends, is easily twisted into a triumph. Is there a remedy, you cry, for this state of affairs? signatories, but it might well serve as an example to others and thus eventually lead to a worldwide breaking down of the barriers which obstruct the interchange of goods and disastrously react both on national and international commerce. A policy of national self-sufficiency cannot produce the desired results; by its very nature it has the opposite effect. Saner economic conceptions are needed, and, when they are followed up by action, the outcome must be of general benefit.

# Give 'em the B I R D

EVERY now and then those who are interested in the theatre ask what is wrong with it.

They receive many answers. One will say that management is ruining it, another that the entertainment tax has killed it, a third that the rents of the buildings are crippling it. Somebody will speak of the dearth of amateurs, somebody else of the dearth of good acting.

But nobody ever diagnoses the disease correctly. The theatre has gone to pieces because audiences have no more vitality than blocks of wood.

They are afraid to make an uproar when a play displeases them. Disapproval is left to a few people with independent minds, who feebly cry "boo" in one or two of the newspapers

—when active criticism is too late to have any effect. On the rare occasions



I SHALL be told (by fools, it is true, but I shall be told it) that a violent expression of boredom or disapproval should not be allowed to interfere with the pleasure of those who like the play. To which I reply that a violent expression of approval is always allowed to interfere with the displeasure of those who detest the play. What of my feelings when that ripple of idiotic clapping greets vile rhetoric or sentimental balderdash? It was not thus in the old days when they had to ring down the curtain to protect the wretched performers from flying

bottles, copper coins, fruit and waistcoats. It was not thus in Barcelona, where a little black wasp of a gipsy woman was hauled across the orchestra-pit and thrown out by the main exit. It was not thus in Bordeaux ten years ago, when the audience preferred its own songs to those on the stage, and sang them in a great thundering chorus. A very merry time a critic would have had on those occasions, with his dirty talk of courtesy, fair play, toleration, and all the rest of it. I will warrant the poor little beast would have scuttled off like a rat, leaving his stiff shirt behind him.

THE average Englishman, when he pays through the nose for a seat at a play, has an idea that he is in some way the guest of the management; that he is in a large private house, and has been honoured by an invitation. Could he but see



## Playgoers are too polite, says THIS WRITER

**B**IGGEST amateur theatrical season for several years is under way in Hongkong. Philharmonic have just completed "Maid of the Mountains" season, may produce again in the Spring. European Y.M.C.A. Pantomime starts to-day, and A.D.C. is casting about for a new play.

the rapacious faces in the booking office or hear the sales-talk in the upper offices of the building, he would be less inclined to lend the silence of acquiescence to a fifth-rate piece of work.

And mark this. If the audience once began to wake out of its torpor and assert itself, the critics would have to change their tune. It would be no good condoning rubbish after what the French call a brouhaha and a tonhulu in the auditorium. There would be a healthier standard of criticism, and producers would realise that they were no longer dealing with sheep. It is the first step that counts. I who write these winged words have more than once started a minor brawl by ironical laughter or loud protest. After a prim silence other voices have supported mine. Many, given a lead, have been glad to use their critical faculties instead of sitting like stuffed chimpanzees. If you could once get into people's heads the idea that, having paid their money, they are entitled to object to inferior entertainment, the theatre would become healthier, because they would have to take notice of a dangerously alert audience which will no longer be content to give tacit consent to the fashionable hysteria of a score of people who could, with advantage to all honest men, be replaced by mechanical figures.

J. B. M.

# AMATEUR ACTING

## Words in Season to the Beginner

By GERARD FAY  
Final Article

dramatic art, both in writing and acting. Surveying the field of comedy from the seventeenth century to the present day, it is early to see justification for this belief. The definite reaction to comedy gives the actor a strong sense of power over his watchers, and induces a feeling of self-confidence which makes his work much easier. In comedy, too, speed is essential, though the pace can be a little slower than in farce. In farce, you can generally allow the audience to laugh just as long as it wants to, but in comedy, where the plot is often of more importance, the audience should be kept well under control so that the sequence of the play will not be spoilt.

There is a big temptation to get the very last possible laugh out of an audience, but it is one that should be resisted. A subtle point in comedy will never get across if you don't "point" it. Pause, slowing up, and alteration of volume can all be used (together if necessary) to draw attention to a good point. In both farce and comedy all the actors must be extremely careful of laughing at the funny lines, for this entirely dispels the illusion.

### As in Everyday Life

A drama might be defined as a play in which the main appeal lies in a conflict of human ambitions or reactions. The majority of straight plays fall into this category. The situations are generally not far removed from everyday life, and the characters are mostly ordinary people whom the actor can understand, and, therefore, more easily represent. Sincerity and restraint along with a careful study of the pertinent lines of approach, the creation of a part in a straight play. Never make the mistake of saying "this character is really myself transferred to the stage," and trying to play the part through the medium of your own personality. You will merely achieve something which is

neither yourself nor the character you are trying to act. Every part, no matter how small, must be studied until the last possible fragment of theatrical meaning has been extracted from it.

The relations between the actor and spectators is the most fascinating aspect of acting. To feel a power over the audience, an ability to draw its laughter, its tears or its applause, is the fullest reward to an actor for his labours. In order to understand the reactions of numbers of people, it is essential to understand the reactions of individuals, and the actor must try to be broad-minded and sympathetic to all types of men and women.

The first courtesy an actor owes to his audience is that of making himself audible, and (with the co-operation of the producer) making himself visible to the largest possible number of people. An actor cannot expect any sympathy from an audience if it cannot hear him and see him. At the same time, no actor should pandering too much to the audience. The actor owes both to himself and the audience an ideal of artistic integrity, and he must never let the play suffer in order to draw the attention of the audience.

### Money's Worth

No play really exists until it has been presented to an audience, and although the aim of amateur acting is self-amusement, the amusement of the audience must be considered as the first duty of all connected with a play. In most cases, the audience puts up the money to enable actors to engage in their favourite pastime, and the least the actor can do is to see that the audience gets its money's worth.

I am aware of many omissions in this series, many points dismissed in a few lines, that should have had pages written about them, but I assure my readers that this is not a result of carelessness on my part, or an underestimation of my subject's importance. It is merely an inevitable range of trying to compress a huge range of matter into a small space.

I hope, at any rate, that what I have written has been of assistance to some amateur actors, and I trust that they will not hesitate to ask for more information on any obscure or doubtful point. It is my ambition to play some small part in the present great amateur theatre movement, and I am truly anxious to give any assistance possible to those who do me the compliment of thinking me capable of it.



# Runaway Couple Sentenced At Old Bailey Murder Trial

## GIRL—EIGHT YEARS: MAN—DEATH

### Plea For "Child Of Gutter" Who Loved Too Well

London, Dec. 10.

ALBERT STRATFORD, aged 41, and Mary Ann Flynn, aged 20, the girl with whom he ran away, were sentenced at the Old Bailey this month for their part in the death of Mrs. Ada Fortescue, of Roseford Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, on August 11.

The jury found Stratford guilty of murder, recommended him to mercy.

Flynn was found not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude.

The girl did not hear her lover sentenced to death. She was taken below and brought back to hear her own fate.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten, passing sentence on her, said the jury had taken a merciful view of her conduct. There could be no doubt that she was aiding Stratford and but for her assistance it was probable Mrs. Fortescue would not have been killed.

Mrs. Ada Fortescue was found bound and gagged in her basement flat at Roseford Gardens on August 13.

When the case was resumed yesterday, Mr. Marshall Frederick Payne, a film studio employee, said that on August 11 he was looking for a flat or a house in the neighbourhood of Roseford Gardens about 2.30 p.m. As he was walking along he heard a door slam and saw a man come down some steps with an attaché case in one hand and a parcel wrapped in newspaper in the other.

#### 'From Murder House'

Mr. J. F. Eastwood, M.P. (defending Stratford): Do you know now which house he came from?—Yes, the house where the murder was committed.

Mr. Eastwood: Had you ever seen that man before?—No, sir; he was a complete stranger.

Have you ever seen that man since?—Yes, yesterday.

Up here?—Outside the court.

Mr. Eastwood then called Kenneth Alice Francis, and a tall man in grey tweed coat came into court.

"Is that the man?" asked Mr. Eastwood.

"Yes," was the reply.

Mr. G. D. Roberts (for the prosecution) put only one question in cross-examination—whether Payne had made a statement to the police in August.

Payne replied that he had.

Mr. Eastwood said that that was his case subject to one thing—whether he could have the police record of Francis.

Inspector Rawlings was then recalled, and Mr. Eastwood asked him: "The man I called just now—Francis—has he got a criminal record?"

Inspector Rawlings replied, "He has."

Mr. Eastwood: How many convictions has he got?—Seven convictions.

Are any of them for offences involving force or violence?—None whatever.

Are any of them in any way for dishonesty?—Yes.

The girl prisoner, Mary Ann Flynn, then went into the witness box. She said that she was 20 years of age and had known Stratford for exactly three years this month.

Miss Flynn said that she had gone with Stratford a couple of weeks after she had got to know him.

Mr. J. C. Jackson, K.C. (for Flynn): Did you get extremely fond of him?—Yes, sir.

Is he the only man you have ever loved?—He is the only man I have ever loved.

With regard to August 11, you heard his story as he gave it in the witness box: Is that story true?—Absolutely.

On August 11 did you commit any act of violence against Mrs. Fortescue?—None whatever.

Asked why she made her statement to the police, Flynn replied: "It was because I was in love with him. I wanted to shield him and take the blame."

Yesterday he spoke the truth?—Yes.

[Stratford, in evidence, said that he lied up Mrs. Fortescue and took some money from the flat.]

That leaves you now free to tell the truth?—Yes, sir.

Had he stuck to his story, would you have sacrificed yourself for him?—I would willingly.

#### Man Took Money

Cross-examined by Mr. Roberts, Flynn said Stratford actually took the money.

Mr. Roberts: Mrs. Fortescue had to be alienated?—That is correct.

Whose idea was that?—Mr. Stratford did that himself.

How did he alienate her?—By trying a duster over her mouth.

What did you do?—That was when I became terrified and tried to pull his hands away.

Flynn said that Mrs. Fortescue was not hit in the face. She did not cause any injuries to the woman, neither did she see any done.

Mr. Roberts: I put it to you, Mary Ann, that this woman was tied up deliberately by you and Stratford together?—She was not.

Flynn added, "I am not guilty."

That concluded the evidence for the defence and Mr. Eastwood addressed the jury on behalf of Stratford.

He said he had had to do a particularly unpleasant thing.

No one liked to suggest that the murder might have been done by

#### 'Finished Her Off'

"I do not suggest for a moment," said Mr. Eastwood, "that Francis committed that murder. All I do suggest is this, and there is a vast difference: I suggest there is a chance, a possibility, that when Francis was with in on August 11, Mrs. Fortescue was not dead and that he finished her off."

Mr. Roberts began his address for the prosecution by saying to the jury that from Mr. Eastwood's speech they might think that the two people in the dock were pawns in the defence.

"According to the accused couple's statements, before their remarkable defence had been created in someone's brain, they said quite openly to the police that they decided, as they were starving, to rob Mrs. Fortescue."

Referring to the suggestion that a man named Francis might have "finished off" Mrs. Fortescue, Mr. Roberts said there was absolutely no evidence of finger prints of Francis.

A vetted charge had been put forward against Francis, and part of the evidence for that was that Mr. Payne (the first witness yesterday) had seen some one—He did not know whom—coming out of Roseford Gardens.

#### 'Coincidence'

By a most remarkable coincidence he had recognised Francis as the man when he saw him outside the court yesterday.

Mr. Jackson, addressing the jury for Flynn, said that she had risked having the rope about her neck when she made the statement.

"Never mind her station in life," he said. "There is just as true love among the lower strata of life as there is in the highest society, and I suggest that in this girl you have the very thing which makes love true—that is self sacrifice, the immolation of self on the altar of self-sacrifice."

"Is that not what that girl was doing to save Stratford? She had given up her work for him, and she had stayed for him, and when she found she was a burden on him, she attempted to commit suicide."

"What was she to do? Was she to betray him to the police? Was she to rush out and give her man up because he was robbing this woman? That is not love."

"Bear all, suffer all, for the object of your love—that, I suggest, that girl, ignorant though she might be, was doing."

"When it came to this court, though Stratford did accept that position and let the girl take the blame at the first, when the statement was put to him, am glad to say the man no longer shielded himself behind her story."

Mr. Jackson said that Mr. Roberts had cross-examined with all his ability and experience "a poor, ignorant girl, almost a child of the gutter," but he had not broken her down on one lot.

"I suggest," he added, "that Flynn's fault has been loving that man too much. She is surely not going to hang because she has loved too wisely."

Mr. Justice Macnaghten, summing up, dealt with the suggestion of the defence that Francis visited the house of Mrs. Fortescue on the day of her death. He said that evidence of identity based on personal impressions was apt to be fallacious.

"You have to assume," he said, "that that Francis went into the room of Mrs. Fortescue, found her bound, and for some reason readjusted the knots and tied the sheet on her nose and mouth and caused her almost immediate death."

#### Hour Of Death

"Mr. Roberts has described this story as fantastic. If you thought Stratford tied these things round Mrs. Fortescue's mouth, for the purpose of keeping her quiet in such a way as to stop her breath, it might be sufficient to satisfy you that even if Francis or any one else came into that room at 1.30 they would have found her dead."

The jury, after an absence of an hour and eight minutes, found Stratford guilty of murder, the jury adding a recommendation to mercy.

Flynn was found not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

The jury, in recommending Stratford to mercy, felt that the murder was unpremeditated.

On Mr. Justice Macnaghten's direc-



At a dinner recently given in the Polish Embassy in London on the occasion of the visit of Col. Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, many prominent people were among the guests. The picture shows Mr. Anthony Eden sitting between the Countess of Plymouth (at left) and Mrs. Beck (at right).

## Americans Most Gullible In Love, Says Lina Cavalieri, Young At 62

Rome, Dec. 20.

Lina Cavalieri, who rose from a flower girl on the streets of Rome to be the toast of Moscow, Paris and New York, believes the American is the most gullible in love, "as in everything else, except business." But she admits he is a dynamic force.

In her memoirs being published in Italy, the woman once acclaimed as the world's greatest beauty has much to say about men and how to be beautiful. She once married an American and divorced him a week later.

An Englishman to Lina Cavalieri loves with a book of etiquette in one hand. She says he makes a good companion, and a courteous friend. But, complains the former opera singer, he doesn't laugh, he nourishes smiles; he doesn't eat, he merely makes a home for a woman.

The Italian, she says, is a dreamer, a poet; he is intelligent, but jealous and irresponsible.

The Frenchman is more practical, according to Lina Cavalieri. Love is a pleasant auxiliary in his life.

The former beauty is 62 now, but she still retains her youthful appearance.

"My secret is simple," she says. "I get up at 6 every morning—and take a long walk before breakfast. I never sleep up after 10 at night."

"Women sleep too much. They would be healthier if they slept eight hours and no more. They shouldn't let their beds lure them for every small illness," she said.

Better looking than most women at 40, Lina Cavalieri reminisced in an interview.

"Stage life taught me to preserve my body. And I believe beauty is to feminine success what coalwork is to an automobile."

Her theory about food is simple, although unorthodox.

"Once I was the victim of my food: 'I could not eat strawberries, sardines and other things because I was subject to nettle rash. One bite and my body would break out with it until I became tired of this and decided that if I was to suffer

tion Flynn was taken below while sentence of death was passed on Stratford.

When asked if he had anything to say, Stratford made no reply.

The judge himself placed the black cap on his head.

Passing sentence of death on Stratford, he said: "The jury have found you guilty of murder on evidence which did not permit any doubt of your guilt."

#### Mercy Plea

"They added to their verdict a recommendation of mercy."

"That recommendation will be forwarded to his Majesty's Secretary of State and you may rest assured will receive careful consideration."

Flynn was then brought back to the dock.

Mr. Roberts said that she was a woman of good character, but she admitted in a statement, not read to the jury, that a week before the robbery of Mrs. Fortescue she and Stratford together robbed her mistress at Golders Green and stole from her about £5, the woman being subdued while the robbery took place.

Asked if she had anything to say, Flynn replied firmly, "I have not."

The judge, passing sentence of eight years' penal servitude on Flynn, said: "The jury have taken a merciful view of your conduct in this matter. There can be no doubt upon the evidence that you were aiding Stratford in the commission of this crime, and but for your assistance it is probable that Mrs. Fortescue would not have been killed."

Flynn walked from the dock with her hands in her coat pockets.

anyway I would eat my fill. From that day I've eaten what I liked, according to my appetite, within limits. The curious part of it is that I never have been troubled with nettle rash since!"

She eats few dishes with quantities of vegetables, fruits and tomatoes. Evenings she eats a light dinner.

On beauty Lina Cavalieri says: "Women should never let their skins become dry. When this happens beauty begins to fade. Even now, when I am no longer young, I rub my entire body with glycerine every night. And every morning I cleanse all grease from it. That's all."

Lina Cavalieri began life as a flower girl, rose to be a Russian princess, was famous for her beauty and jewels and was a celebrated opera singer, often accompanying Caruso.

At the sunset of her glamorous life she decided to describe her life in memoirs.

"I wanted to relive old memories by writing them," she said.

"In my book I have told about the squalor of my childhood home and of the triumphs I later achieved in art. My fame as a beauty was only incidental because my beauty was a gift I held in trust."

"But I've not told everything," she added with a smile. "Certain tender memories are too sacred to reveal. To-day I am no longer young nor a great beauty, no longer Princess Linothka Barintinsky, no longer fabulously rich. My memories are all I possess, you see, and I have wanted to keep just a few for myself alone."—United Press.

## PEER'S FORMER SECRETARY REMANDED

### Alleged Story of Being Drugged in Paris

London, Dec. 15.

A statement alleged to have been made by a former secretary of Lord Kilmaine was read to-day at Bexhill Police Court.

The man, Raymond Henslow, was charged on remand with misappropriating £37 9s. 11d. belonging to Lord Kilmaine, of Dorset-road, Bexhill, which was said to have been given to him to pay a builder's account.

Detective-sergeant Jameson said that when arrested Henslow declared: "Lord Kilmaine is off his nut. I left him at his London club not long ago and had lunch with him, during which I gave him a I.O.U. for £50, the amount I owed him."

"I had already explained that £40 in a wallet had dropped out of my pocket and gone down a drain at Bexhill. He told me not to worry about the money."

"A short time ago I went to Paris with Lord Kilmaine and while I was out alone I met a stranger who I feel sure drugged me and stole all my valuables."

"Lord Kilmaine does not know anything about this," said Henslow.

Lord Kilmaine said that Henslow was employed as his secretary from the end of July to the middle of October this year.

#### OTHER CHARGES ALLEGED

On August 21 he drew a cheque for £47 10s. 11d. in favour of Henslow to pay some accounts, one of which was for £37 9s. 11d. but he had to pay the account in October as the money had not been received.

Cecilia Mary Broderick, Lord Kilmaine's housekeeper, said that Henslow told her he had paid the bill.

Asking for a further remand until next Friday, Superintendent Holmwood said that other charges would be brought.

Ball was allowed in two sureties of £50.

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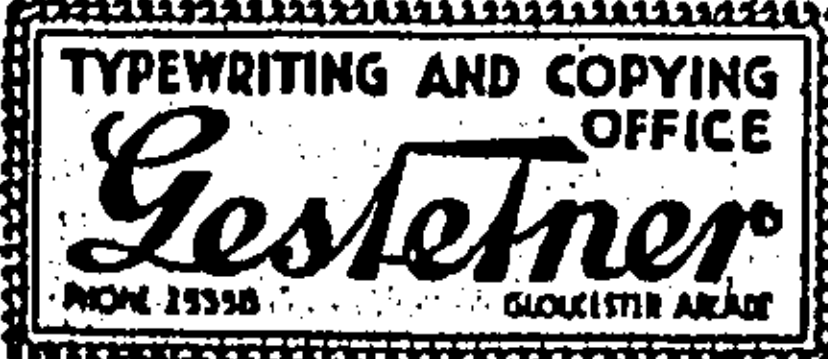
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## Christian Scientists "Scorn to Use Divine Gift of Medicine"

THE action of a Christian Scientist who delayed calling a doctor after his wife had been taken suddenly ill, was criticised by the Barnet Coroner, Mr. T. Ottaway, this month.

The inquest was on Mrs. Alice Saunders, aged 52, of Harris-lane, Shenley, Herts.

Mrs. Saunders collapsed in her husband's cafe at Shenley, Herts, from Shenley Mental Hospital, who were in the cafe, suggested calling a doctor, but this was not done until late that night, and Mrs. Saunders died early the next morning in the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet.

Mr. Saunders told the coroner that his wife and he were both Christian Scientists. He was quite prepared to call a doctor when she collapsed, but she herself said she did not want a

doctor but wanted to be treated by a Christian Science practitioner.

**TREATMENT**  
He telephoned to Miss Burnett, the practitioner, and she came from London that night and gave Christian Science treatment. After she had gone a doctor was sent for.

Miss Jessie Burnett, of Warwick-road, London, W.14, said she came to the conclusion that Mrs. Saunders was suffering from nervous breakdown due to overwork.

Dr. H. R. Segar, medical superintendent of Wellhouse Hospital, said that death was due to severe cerebral hemorrhage.

The coroner said that though it appeared that the case was hopeless from the onset of the illness, proper treatment should have been given. He added:

"It is lamentable to think that,

although medical science has, by the help of Divine power and by man's persistence, progressed so far and been made available for all, there are people in the world who will not accept it as a Divine gift and who scorn to make use of it."

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, adding that they thought there had been neglect by delay in calling a doctor.

### "WONDER" FISH LOSES EYES AND DIES OF GRIEF

Sydney, Dec. 20.

Vicious little box fish, no more than 6 inches long, have caused the death of Australia's "wonder fish," the 11-foot 8-inch grey nurse shark which set up the world's record for length of captivity.

During nearly four years in captivity at the Taronga Park Aquarium here, Skipper II, as the shark was known, is estimated to have swum 35,000 miles. After it was attacked and blinded by the box fish, the shark remained motionless at the bottom of the pool, and despite attempts to save its life, the huge fish pined and died after being blind for three weeks.

Since being captured off Sydney Heads in November, 1932, the shark had never stopped swimming previously.

Visitors had been anxious about the safety of the shark because of the tiny fish. Another shark has been in the pool for three years and eight months, and the box fish have been removed to a separate pool to safeguard it.—United Press.

### THIS'LL MAKE YOU WHISTLE

Hollywood, Dec. 20.

Douglas Shearer, Hollywood sound recorder, says if the words "Fifty-fifty Mississippi" trip off your tongue without a stutter or undue hissing sounds, your diction is probably good enough for the "talkies."

### POPULAR TRAVEL BOOKS: INTEREST OR ESCAPE?

Travel tops the list of popular preferences in a library-book questionnaire recently completed in Croydon.

The Public Libraries Committee is interested to know if this reveals an expanding interest in world affairs or an increase in the number of people who "want to get away from it all."

Despite the great discoveries made in recent years in physics and biology, science comes nearly bottom on the list.

Philosophy comes last of all. And to judge from the position of psychology interest in Freud and his followers is decreasing.

#### HISTORY SECOND

After travel comes history, then biography—evidence of the modern interest in personalities.

Political science and economy (fourth) might have been expected to come fairly high in the list.

Fifth of the 15 subjects is English literature. The list is given in the forty-seventh annual report of the committee. It is part of a survey of what is being done to fulfil readers' demands.

"The phenomenon of the year," says the report, was the demand for Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom."

More than 1,000 people asked for it at the various libraries under the control of the committee.

### Ancient Egypt Had Its Loan Sharks, Papyrus Dated 109 B.C. Reveals

Chicago, Dec. 20.

A promissory note dating from 109 B.C., believed to be the oldest of its kind, and showing that "loan sharks" existed in ancient Egypt, has been added to the Egyptian archaeological exhibits at Field Museum of Natural History.

Hieroglyphics on the papyrus, translated by Dr. Nathaniel J. Reich, Philadelphia, reveal an interest rate of 100 per cent and other harsh terms.

An interpretation of the translation: "I, the peasant-slave Ensnak-homne, belonging to the Zemi cemetery, have borrowed from the woman Nekhutes 22½ arabes of wheat. I promise to repay this loan with 100 per cent interest, making the total due 45 arabes of wheat."

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me this loan; and I further promise to deliver the said wheat to the house of the woman Nekhutes in the Zemi cemetery without transportation charges, by the last day of the ninth month of the year 9 with no extensions of time to be granted."

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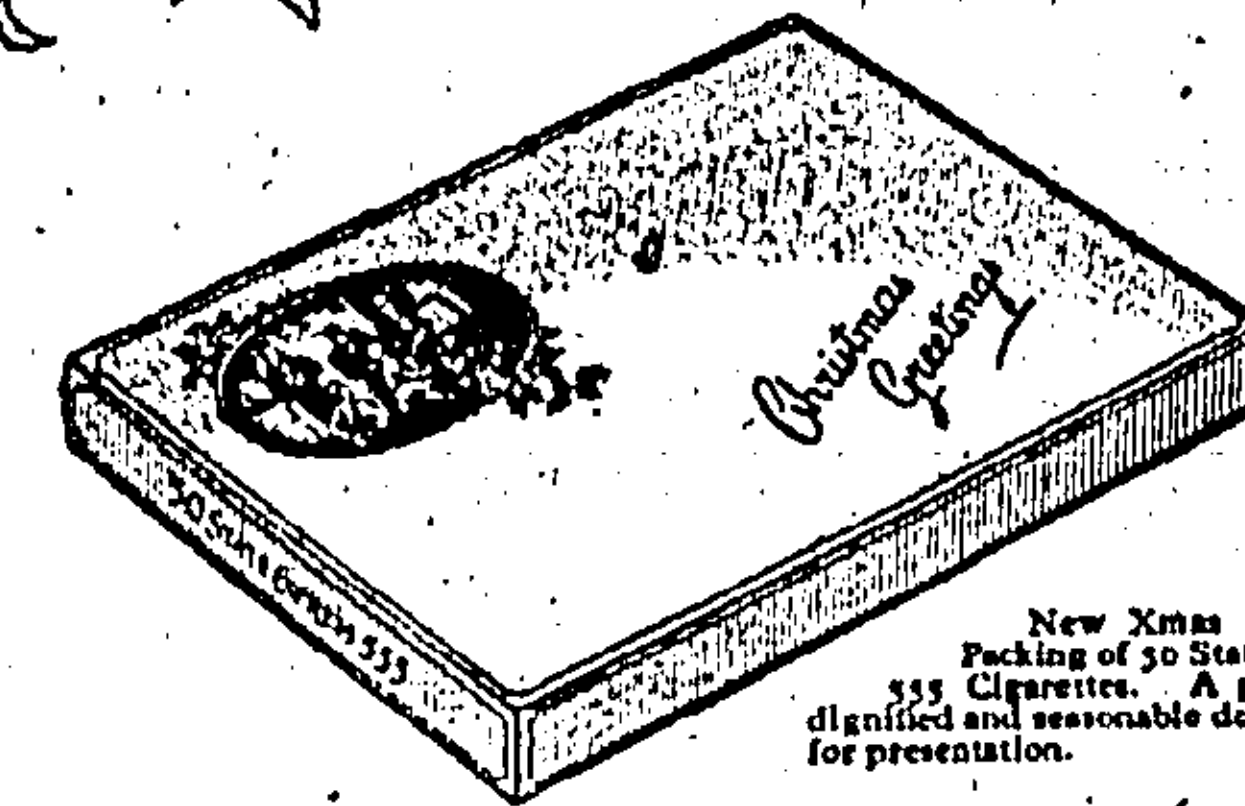
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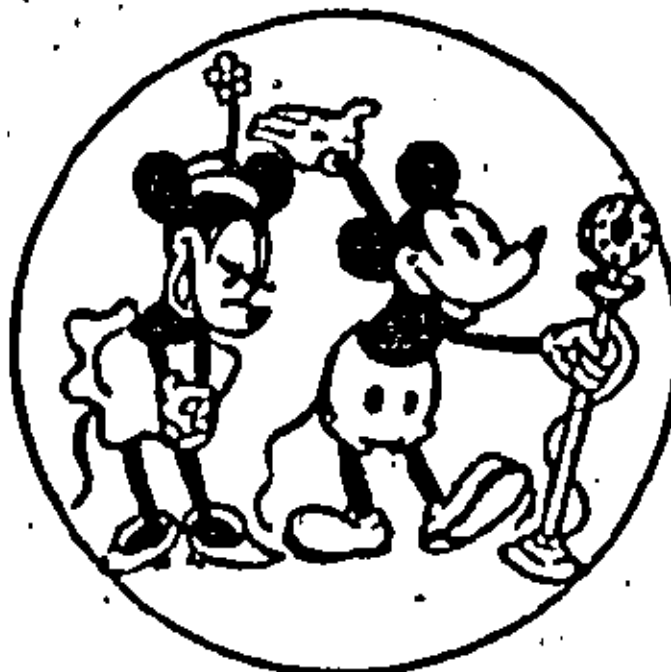




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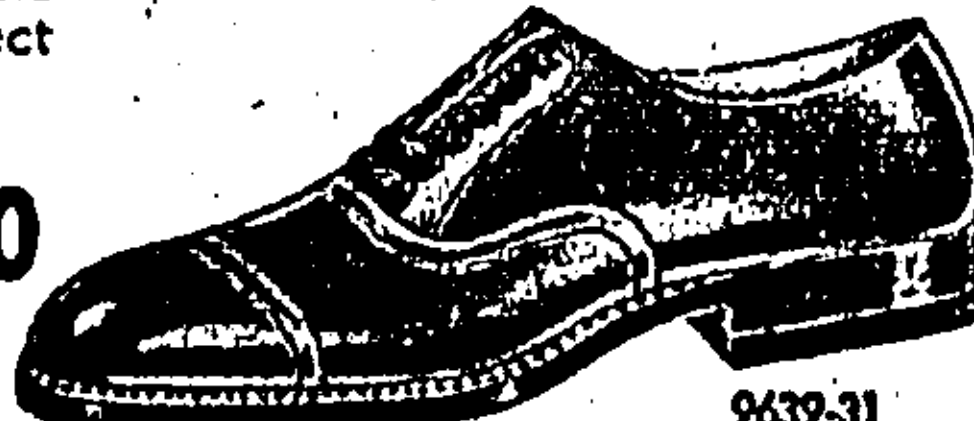
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## How Edward VII Took The Declaration of Protestantism

Journalist Recalls Scene when old form of  
Declaration was used for Last Time.

By  
**MICHAEL MacDONAGH**

Author of "The Pageant of  
Parliament"

I was present as a journalist at that historic scene in the House of Lords, 35 years ago, when the Declaration against the Mass and the Invocation of Saints was made by the Sovereign to Parliament for the last time, and when King Edward VII, who made it, uttered with such manifest reluctance the words which, as he deeply felt, gave great offence to the millions of his Catholic subjects.

The Bill of Rights passed by Parliament in 1689, after the election of King William and Queen Mary as joint sharers of the Throne, following the flight of James II, provided that the Declaration should be made and subscribed to by each new Sovereign at the opening of Parliament or at the Coronation, which ever should first happen after Accession. The terms of the Declaration were as follows:

"Superstitious and  
Idolatrous"

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the body and blood of Christ at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever. And that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any saint, or the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify and declare that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read unto me, and they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or Mental Reservation whatever, and without any dispensation already granted to me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such dispensation from any person or authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever, should dispense with or cancel the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

The Declaration was, in fact, the oath provided in the earlier Test Act "for disabling papists from sitting in either House of Parliament."

There was no specific statute debarring Catholics from becoming Members of Parliament, but this oath just as effectively closed the doors of Legislation to them. In the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, a new oath was provided for Catholic Members.

**Daniel O'Connell**  
Frustrated

Daniel O'Connell, whose election for Clare in 1828 compelled the Government to carry Emancipation, was not permitted to take the new oath, on the ground that the Act was not retrospective—a piece of vindictive meanness due, it was said, to the King, George IV, and O'Connell was thus balked of his ambition of being the first Catholic to take his seat in the House of Commons. O'Connell had to be re-elected for Clare.

Meanwhile, the Earl of Surrey, son and heir of the Duke of Norfolk, was returned for the pocket borough of Horsham and thus gained the distinction of being the first Catholic M.P.

On February 14, 1801, the day that King Edward VII opened his first Parliament, the House of Lords presented a brilliant spectacle. The ceremony is the most ancient and splendid associated with the Sovereignty, and as Queen Victoria had allowed it to fall into abeyance on account of her old age, its revival by King Edward was an event of national interest.

The peers were in their robes of scarlet and ermine, the galleries were occupied by the peeresses wearing their coronets or tiaras, but being in mourning for Queen Victoria their ostrich feathers were black. At the Bar were assembled the Commons, headed by the Speaker, having on his right Balfour, Prime Minister, and on his left Campbell-Bannerman, leader of the Opposition.

It was the largest assembly that ever saw the three Estates of the Realm—the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons. For it was a revival of the ceremonial opening of Parliament by the Sovereign in person, which Queen Victoria, on account of her age, had allowed to fall into abeyance. More over, for the first time in history the Queen Consort was to be seen on the throne in equal State with the King. Hitherto the Queen Consort sat in a low chair at the foot of the throne.

In the Reporters' Gallery were 20 journalists, the only representatives of the general public. I was there for The Times.

**King's Voice Low  
and Indistinct**

The King, arrayed in his Imperial Robes, sat on the Throne, with his

Consort, Queen Alexandra, by his side. The Throne was surrounded by heralds and pursuivants, officers of the Royal Household, and leading Ministers of the Government who were peers.

Out of this gorgeous group emerged the Lord Chancellor, distinguished by the full-bottomed wig he wore in addition to his peer's robes, and bending his right knee on the upper step of the Throne, presented the King with one of two copies of the Declaration, retaining the other himself.

Then, rising to his feet, the Lord Chancellor began to read, and the King repeated the words after him from his own copy of the Declaration.

His Majesty looked dissatisfied, and his voice was so low and indistinct as it mingled with the voice of the Lord Chancellor, that the words of the Declaration were for the most part unheard, and, indeed, to many (including some of my colleagues in the Reporters' Gallery) the whole proceeding was unintelligible.

A conspicuous figure at the Throne was the late Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, the leading Catholic layman of the land. He looked down the Chamber with a fixed stare during the Declaration.

The Lord Chancellor next gave the King a scarlet-bound copy of the New Testament, which His Majesty kissed. Then a pen and ink-bottle were produced and the King signed the Declaration—not his own copy, I noticed, but the copy read by the Lord Chancellor, which the noble lord, again kneeling, held with both hands while His Majesty affixed his signature.

**Declaration The New  
King Will Make**

A new form of the Declaration was agreed to by Parliament in June, 1910—the voting in the House of Commons being 383 for, 42 against—and this was made for the first time by King George V on Accession. It is in these terms:

I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful member of the Protestant Reformed Church as by law established in England, and I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant Succession to the Throne of my realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law.

It will be made by King George VI when he opens his first session of Parliament.

### OUTLOOK FOR TRADE WITH CHINA

#### Unable To Pay Cash

An optimistic opinion regarding trade with China was expressed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, chief economic adviser to the Government, recently in an address to the Royal Empire Society on his recent financial and economic mission to the Far East.

He said that, considering her size and huge population, China was reasonably tranquil.

He thought that manufacturers should do all they could to maintain their position there. A prosperous China was the largest undeveloped market in the world for manufactured goods.

What China particularly needed, and what we could supply, were railway material, engineering supplies, power plant, &c., for her internal development. She could not afford to buy for cash, and to obtain capital she must take the necessary steps to improve her credit.

In the past, said Sir Frederick, a number of loans had been raised, especially for railways, on which defaults had occurred. The present Government had settled a number of those defaults on a reasonable basis and in other cases had put forward proposals which he hoped would lead to settlements before long.

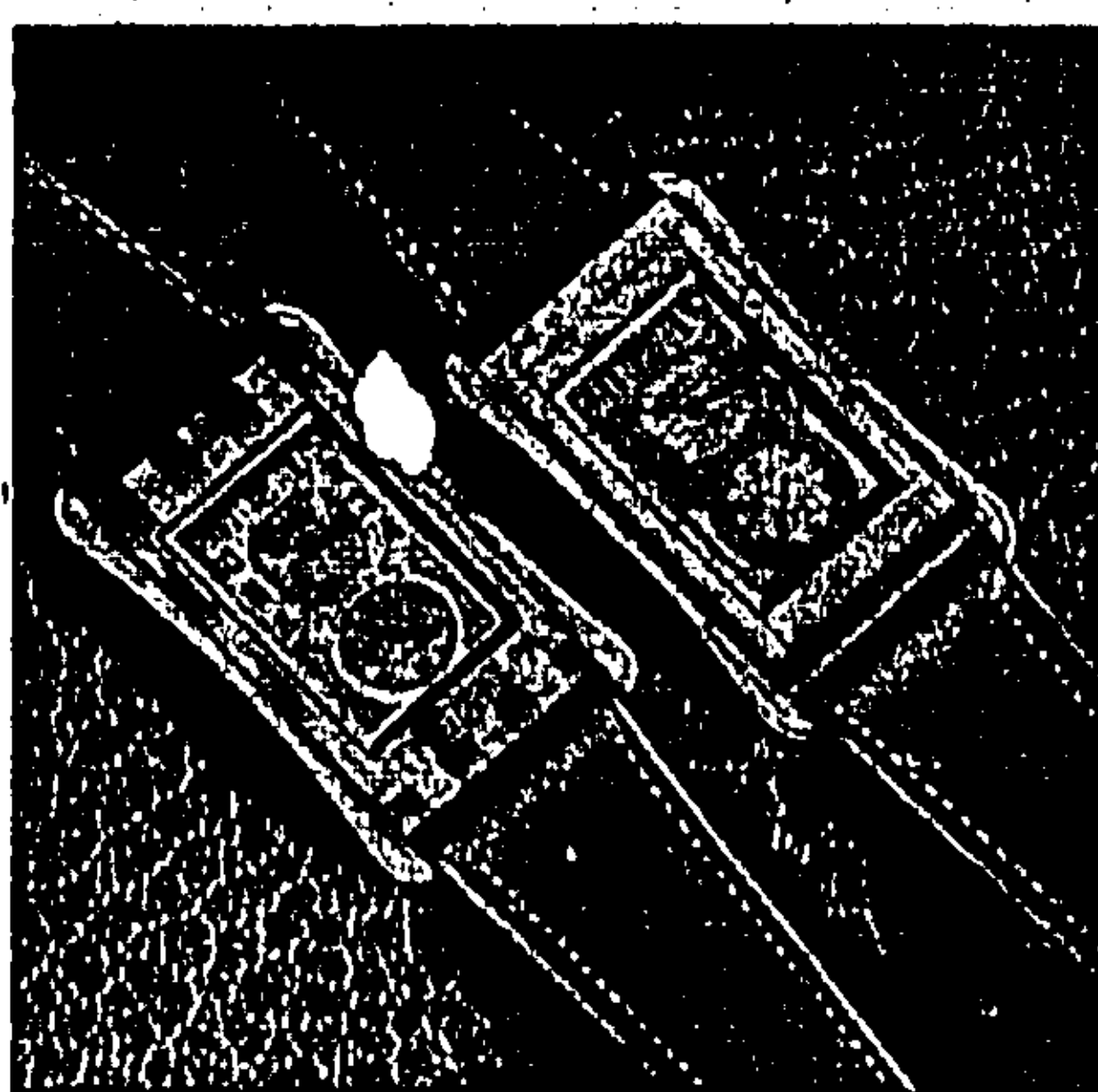
### "LONDON GAZETTE" TO BE REDRESSED

#### Typographical Reform

Sir William Codrington, Controller of the Stationery Office, speaking at a luncheon at the Printing Trades Exhibition, stated that early in the new year *Hansard* and the *London Gazette* would follow the example of certain newspapers who had recently redressed in new type.

Mr. Cromwell, President of the Exhibition, said that the printing industry in this country to-day was run by craftsmen rather than by workers in the ordinary sense.

The prevention of accidents and the cultivation of health-saving appliances in the factory were to-day the primary considerations of not only the Government Inspector but of everyone associated with the industry.



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# FREE LANCES STILL POINTLESS, BUT PLAY WELL

## FATHER AND SON WIN THREE GAMES

Recreio Hotly Pressed  
By Chinese R. C.

(By "Veritas")

Though without A. L. Fisher, Free Lances last evening gave St. Andrew's "A" a good run for their money when they met in the return badminton league match. St. Andrew's won 6-3, but the feature of the match was the winning of three games by father and son, E. L. H. and Warwick Shute.

Shute senior touched his best form during the evening making some especially clever shots in the opening game against E. F. Fincher and H. Kew. The Shutes' first string were thrown right out of their stride by the effective court craft of the opposition, and though they made something of a recovery after losing the first eight aces, they never looked like winning the game.

St. Andrew's pair were too good for the remainder of the visiting team, and after they had been held up to three-all, ran away with the next three games.

There was some first-rate badminton at the Club de Recreio where the "B" team received Chinese Recreation Club, and repeated their performance of a week ago to win by six games to three.

Recreio won the match on the strength of two settled games, when H. A. Barros and N. Beltrao beat C. Y. Yung and H. W. Ho 24-10, and then snatched a close victory over S. W. Liang and S. W. Wong 23-20. Another close game was that in which H. A. Noronha and A. E. Xavier beat Yung and Ho 21-18.

In the only "B" Division encounter, King's College pursued their triumphant path by annihilating Kowloon Tong "B" nine games to love. The game was played on the Bonham Road court, and only J. A. de V. Soares and C. D'Almeida could make any impression on the College pairs. They obtained 13 aces in one game, 12 in another and 16 in the third.

The surprise of the evening was the fine effort of S. Smedley and J. Alvarez, the visiting third string, against W. N. Cheung and K. L. Lui. They succeeded in setting the game, only to lose it 20-24.

Detailed scores and amended leagues follow.

### "A" DIVISION ST. ANDREW'S "A" v. FREE LANCES

Played at St. Andrew's Church Hall, the home team winning by six games to three.  
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) lost to E. L. H. Shute and W. Shute 12-21; beat J. L. Anderson and K. Shute 21-6; beat G. Fowler and Harris 21-4.

A. E. P. Guest and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's) lost to Shute and Shute 12-21; beat Anderson and Shute 21-11; beat Fowler and Harris 21-4.

P. A. Broadbridge and F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's) lost to Shute and Shute 16-21; beat Anderson and Shute 21-10; beat Fowler and Harris 21-25.

### RECREIO "B" v. C.R.C.

At King's Park Recreio "B" beat the Chinese Recreation Club by 6 games to 3.

H. A. Noronha and A. E. Xavier (Recreio "B") lost to W. C. Choy and P. C. Leung 17-21; beat C. Y. Yung and H. W. Ho 21-19; beat S. W. Liang and S. W. Wong 21-13.

H. A. Barros and N. Beltrao (Recreio "B") beat Choy and

Leung 21-15; beat Yung and Ho 24-10; beat Liang and Wong 23-20.  
L. A. Silva and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio "B") lost to Choy and Leung 16-21; lost to Yung and Ho 15-21; beat Liang and Wong 21-10.

### "B" DIVISION

KING'S COLLEGE v. K. TONG "B"

At Bonham Road last night, the King's College beat Kowloon Tong "B" by nine games to nil.

H. T. Woo and H. N. Chung (King's College) beat J. A. de V. Soares and C. D'Almeida 21-13; beat K. N. Lee and J. M. Pong 21-13; beat S. Smedley and J. Alvarez 21-7.

John Pau and K. H. Lo (King's College) beat Soares and D'Almeida 21-12; beat Lee and Pong 21-0; beat Smedley and Alvarez 21-8.

W. N. Cheung and K. L. Lui (King's College) beat Soares and D'Almeida 21-16; beat Lee and Pong 21-2; beat Smedley and Alvarez 24-20.

### LEAGUE TABLE

"A" Division  
Recreio "B" 4 4 0 0 22 14 8  
Recreio "A" 3 3 0 0 25 2 6  
St. Andrew's 5 3 0 0 23 22 6  
C. R. C. 5 1 0 4 19 26 2  
Free Lances 5 0 0 5 10 35 0  
University "A" 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
University "B" 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

"B" Division  
King's College 5 5 0 0 41 4 10  
Chinese Y.M.C.A. 3 3 0 0 27 0 6  
St. John's 4 3 0 1 22 14 0  
Kowloon Tong "A" 5 3 0 2 24 21 6  
V.R.C. 4 2 0 2 10 20 4  
S. & S. Home 6 2 0 4 14 40 4  
St. Andrew's 5 1 0 4 14 31 2  
Kowloon Tong "B" 0 0 0 6 13 41 0

### "ELIGIBILITY LIST" ABOLISHED

Royal and Ancient Club  
Introduce Reforms

The Royal and Ancient Club have decided to abolish the "eligibility list" which has been in operation in connection with entries for the Amateur Golf Championship, states *The Times*. The event is now open to all golfers whose club handicaps do not exceed one stroke. The Championship Committee of the club, in a statement issued recently also announced important changes in the Open Championship conditions.

The Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews announces that the "Eligibility List" which has been in operation for some years in connection with the entries for the Amateur Championship has been abolished and entries will now be accepted from all golfers whose club handicaps do not exceed one stroke. In the Open Championship the number of competitors to qualify has been increased from 100 to 140, but number to remain in for the last two rounds has been reduced from 60 to 40.



The St. John's Hall team, this year's winners of the Hongkong University Inter-Hotel tennis tournament. Standing—H. T. Tang, P. K. Leung, B. Ling, G. Chang, S. Wong and H. H. Li. Sitting—Y. W. Wong (Hon. Sec.), Rev. G. K. Carpenter (Warden), Mr. K. J. Chua (Chairman), Mrs. Carpenter, and Y. N. Tan (Sports Capt). Photo by A. Fong.

Clubhouse. Chatter

By "Veritas"

## ALLEN'S DECLARATION VINDICATED

### ASTUTE MOVE PUTS ENGLAND ON TOP IN SECOND TEST

WHEN it was first known in Hongkong yesterday that England's first innings in the second Test match had been declared at the overnight score of 426 for 6, lots of people muttered "Has the man gone crazy?" By "the man" they meant "Gubby" Allen, England's captain, and their astonishment and dismay could easily be forgiven. Though the very action of Allen made it clear the wicket was likely to be extremely difficult, quite a number of enthusiasts argued, and not without reasonable grounds, that Allen could afford to go in and muck the pitch up for half an hour or so, get together a few more runs and still leave it horribly sticky for the Aussies. At least, was an arguable theory in view of the lack of definite information as to actual conditions. But the story of Australia's first innings which closed for 80, and their recovery in the follow-on conclusively revealed the wisdom of Allen's apparently meaningless declaration.

### He Guessed Right

THE history of yesterday's play at Sydney shows that the wicket, though suffering from the effects of overnight rain when the match was resumed, was still capable of rolling out easier after a little drying sun and wind. This must have been the conclusion of Allen when he made his early morning inspection and the events of the day fully proved how right was his conjecture. Australia were tumbled out on a shocking wicket, but the cables tell us that from the lunch interval onwards it was always improving, and that quite clearly the roller put over between the innings restored it to something approaching an easy wicket. Had Allen continued the overnight innings, the Englishman would have suffered the ill-effects of the rain, while Australia would have started their first knock on an improving pitch, and very probably would never have been dismissed for 80. If Allen deserves commendation for his astute captaincy, equally sincere must be our appreciation of the valiant effort by the Australians to make a fight of it in the second innings. They are faced with almost a hopeless task, yet one cannot have but admiration for the manner in which they are setting about to retrieve lost fortunes.

### How Long Will It Last?

THE most important question seems to be: for how long can the wicket, which dried out so quickly, remain reasonably good? This morning's play will probably give us the answer. Australia start the day 201 runs in arrears with nine wickets in hand. This means that they can hardly hope to win unless they add another 300. That is possible, but I think very unlikely, for the wicket will not continue to improve, and I rather think Australia will find herself fighting desperately after the first half-hour's play this morning to avoid the innings defeat. If Australia does make England bat again it will be a magnificent performance, for it will mean the scoring of 400 runs on a pitch full of snafus and hazards, and in the face of a situation sufficient to dampen the courage of any team.

### They Have Bowled

#### Splendidly!

It would be silly to deny that England owes much to her present (Continued on Page 13.)

### Our Daily Golf Hint

The club must go on through and finish. A restricted finish is the effect of something wrong with the swing.

—Bobby Jones.

## DO YACHTING RULES NEED REVISION?

### Fresh Code Is Suggested

The conclusions arrived at by the permanent committee of the International Yacht Racing Union, which met in London at the end of November, are now known in Hongkong. A few days before the committee was to meet *The Times* published an article, which stated that one of the main subjects for discussion would probably be suggestions for an improvement in the Right of Way Rules. The article is reproduced below as an item of interest for local yachtsmen.

Most racing yachtsmen are of the opinion that the existing rules need revision, and some even hold that a new code should be introduced. The existing rules, it is necessary to remember, are essentially the same as the Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (usually called the "Rule of the Road" at sea), of which the four guiding principles are (a) overtaking vessel keep clear; (b) port tack vessel keep clear; (c) vessel with the wind free keep clear of one sailing close-hauled; (d) windward vessel keep clear. The object of these rules is, of course, to prevent the risk of collision. In yacht racing, however, opposing vessels are sailing at close quarters, frequently and for long periods within the zone of risk of collision. In order to distinguish these many and varied positions and to legislate for them it was, therefore, necessary to extend and to qualify the four main rules of the road.

AN AMERICAN SUGGESTION With the course of time footnote has been added to footnote, qualification to qualification, until the originally simple code has become a complex one in which, many complain, it is not always clear which rule should be applied to a particular case. During the summer Mr. H. S. Vanderbilt, helmsman of recent America's Cup defenders, published a paper in which a fresh code of rules was suggested. Associated with authors with Mr. Vanderbilt were two other leading American yachtsmen—namely, Mr. P. J. Roosevelt and Mrs. Merle-Smith. The paper proposes that the four basic rules be reduced from four to two. The two rules to be (a) On the same tack, windward yacht keep clear; (b) On opposite tacks, port tack yacht to keep clear.

The paper claims that the simplification would succeed—first, by reducing doubtful situations to a minimum; secondly, eliminating the possibility which exists to-day of more than one interpretation of the same rule; thirdly, by "letting the right of way follow natural lines"; fourthly, by eliminating dangers inherent in the present rules because of the changes which have taken place in sails and rig.

## HOW ENGLAND LOST, THEN REGAINED ADVANTAGES IN THE FIRST TEST

## Detailed Descriptions Of The First And Third Day's Play

THE first detailed descriptions of the first and third day's play in the Brisbane cricket Test have just reached Hongkong. Neville Cardus of the *Sydney Sun* has written brilliantly on the match, and his comments, pungent in wit and sagacity, are reprinted below. In these two articles he describes how England let slip her advantage of winning the toss by losing cheap wickets on the first day, and how she regained her position by dismissing Australia on a good wicket for 234 runs. He criticises the Australian batting, saying that the slow bowlers—Robins and Verity worked a huge bluff, while Voce bowled magnificently.

Brisbane, Dec. 5.

On a good wicket England threw away the boon and blessing of first innings by irretrievable batsmanship before lunch against high-tempered quick bowling by McCormick, who then became afflicted of lumbago, of all complaints to suffer here, so far from Manchester.

McCormick bowled well with the new ball. He made it rear several times by breast or head high, but more frequently he threatened no vital or intellectual part of the batsman's person or anatomy.

Hammond and Worthington both got out by making what the experimental psychologists call reflex actions at bouncing balls. Worthington got his but in a ball going past his head where he could not see or control what he was at. Hammond mistook a not lofty kicker to rush into an unpolished stroke which lobbed up a catch so simple that I could have wept to see greatness so put out of countenance.

During the day, and thoroughly cultivated display by Barnett saved England's innings from the empirical commonplace and unprincipled—that and Leyland's character, for frankly Leyland was not technically at his best for a long time, and was given two of three innings.

Hardstaff once more was a prey to self-doubt. How he survived five minutes of slow spin was mysterious.

### JUST BOWLING

Yet, with all the encouragement given them, the Australian bowlers did not always convey the impression of unflinching hostility or of tight technical control, nor did the fieldsmen suggest those encircling invisible barriers which, in the Australian fielding, usually contrives to fix on the batsman's retina of imagination. Time a more or less willing horse, endeavouring to make progress by the moral qualities of application and pluck, and with no great success. Oldfield, spin or flight in his work. And even before McCormick went out of action he was a brilliant and powerful bowler. Ward has excellent moments when he flings his spin; often, though, he bowls with a hesitating aim, and he can be played back leisurely, with almost a yawning impatience.

During the Barnett-Leyland stand I felt that the day is quickly coming when the English batsmen will assert themselves. In Australia's attack is not at all out of the ordinary, and can be more or less put down.

On the whole I came away from Wooklaaba in the suddenly descending twilight not at all depressed about England's batting—the light, the ball, bowling, which to-morrow will get its opportunity.

Leyland's hundred, as I say, was another point, and a man of humor, who takes things as they come, and never allows an academic devotion to technical irregularities to interfere with private and ordinate intentions.

### CATASTROPHE!

Allen and Bradman came forth to tea, and Allen won, and the storm clouds went by, and the crowd cheered, and before the hurried bowler had time to examine the Press as though he were a demoted caged animal, he had been struck by a ball, and a thousand tongues and typewriters, strode the blast. A slight duststorm added to the general confusion.

The beginning was catastrophic and pandemonium was unleashed. McCormick's pitch, which he bowled like a hurricane, pitched short, rose high at Worthington's left shoulder. Worthington hooked impulsively, edged his stroke, and the ball, after starting late, came forward all frenzy and voracity, and held the catch.

For Worthington, who was dazed a moment, then departed head down. In the same over McCormick struck Fagg's arm, and the agony was almost while Fagg retired to dry dock for repairs. McCormick's next ball rose near Fagg's ear, and he was hit on the head. McCormick's two short legs were moved to the side, and the rising angle of the attack was more in accordance with the modern batsman's view of respectable fast bowling. In quick sequence Barnett cut McCormick for four, edged him dangerously for four, and out him again with a great hammering right from the shoulder.

### FALLEN MONARCH

And so, and so, for England! Hammond pushed the ball, and McCormick sent his out just short of a length, and it rose above Hammond's left hip at an acute angle. Hammond contacted himself with the ball, and he was hit on the head. Hammond's two short legs were moved to the side, and the rising angle of the attack was more in accordance with the modern batsman's view of respectable fast bowling. In quick sequence Barnett cut McCormick for four, edged him dangerously for four, and out him again with a great hammering right from the shoulder.

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## IRRESOLUTE BATTING

## ENGLISH SPIN BOWLERS' BLUFF

VOCE SPLENDID

(By Neville Cardus)

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### BEATEN BY FORM

The next advance of Australia occurred because of one of those mistakes which only batsmen make who are in form: Barnett hit a quick ball by O'Leary to leg, and was caught by the matchless Oldfield. Barnett's error was an illuminating passage once demonstrating how it needs a fine eye and a good player to get caught at the wicket in the way Barnett was caught. Barnett's cricket, throughout appeared to be the imagination and the sense of cricket's art. Occasionally he wandered before the good length spin, but, as I have hinted, the spin did not consistently pitch on the blind spot.

The wine of a wicket made O'Leary's tail temporarily stand up, and he nearly over-whelmed Arne and a first ball, leg before, and a most last-tempered delivery.

The weather cooled, but the electricity remained in the game, though I did not always feel the Australian bowlers were as aggressive as they tried to look after the morning's taste of the blood of three Englishmen.

Silvers is, I am afraid, only an honest effort by nature to repeat Alan Fairfax; he never even tries to repeat a masterpiece—their breaks the more in which a Trumble or a Turner is fashioned.

Towards tea time I felt that the Australian attack really did need tea—with something to

drinks.

Test obviously refreshed the bowlers, for at once Ward spun a ball from leg at the well-placed Oldfield, and he survived all in hard to say, I was reminded of the fair lady at the fair who has knives thrown all round her body and escapes hurt.

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# WHEN ENGLAND BECAME IN COMMAND IN THE FIRST TEST MATCH

## ASTONISHING AUSTRALIAN BATTING AGAINST SLOW BOWLERS

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as England's week or so ago against Mudge and others.

With most admirable spirit Australia bowled and fielded hard when England went in again. The stoutest nerve and bats were needed to hold up the rally; this was an Australian XI, all right.

Whatever the result of the present encounter we seem to be in for a struggle in the rubber which for evenness of power and of sportsmanship will make history and give all of us the palpitations.

### ALLEN'S DARING

With every need at the day's outset to keep the situation tense and the net taut round McCabe and Fingleton, Allen daringly put Robins on as one of his opening bowlers. He himself attacked from the pavilion end. Robins is liable to bowl long hope but on this occasion he got the ball three parts the way of its journey before pitching it. The length struck terror in my heart all the same. I expected boundaries each ball.

Allen himself was erratic, and McCabe drove him straight and cut him swift and in his best style. Too soon, from England's point of view, were the batsmen off the mark. Allen obviously shared the same palpable idea, for he retired in favour of Voce, who at once put England ahead by keen bowling to the off side, beautiful in length, and with only Allen at short leg. McCabe sought to book a short one, and Harrell caught him at deep mid-on.

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I was interested in Allen's leadership now. Robins did not let him down (helped by the fact that neither Fingleton nor Chipperfield is an expert at the cut), and he took off Voce, changed Robins over, and at the other end relied on Verity. The basic principle of the move was, we thought, a rest for Voce before the new ball was used at the two hundred.

Verity's ally point and ally mid-on were so close to the block hole that I half expected to see one of them obstruct the ball's flight.

It was a spectacle which would have goaded Charles Macartney to acts of violence, turning him livid with rage. A stranger coming into the ground would have been excused if he had thought Australia's two last men were in with six hundred needed for victory. Australia will lose the rubber if this is going to be their attitude whenever Bradman and McCabe fall to make centuries.

### ENGLAND ON TOP

Robins found a nicely arched length in one over to Fingleton, and came terribly close to ensnaring him leg before. The umpire had to bend low and look hard and work out some mental geometry before he could decide in the batsman's favour. Then Chipperfield sent a dangerous hit to Allen from Robins to the off. The batting was so irascible that I thought the ally point and ally mid-on were too deep.

The England team were so much in command of the game technically and periodically that even if they do not win this match the lesson of this morning will not be forgotten. When Harrell and Foster won the rubber in Australia the first match was lost, but the other four were won because the victory wrote on the wall an ironic message.

On the stroke of lunch Voce again achieved a magnificent offside ball, and Chipperfield snickered it fatally without wishing to have anything to do with it.

### FINGLETON'S CENTURY

After lunch Allen batted as because he did not claim the new ball after all for the first time. Allen obviously shared the same palpable idea, for he retired in favour of Voce, who at once put England ahead by keen bowling to the off side, beautiful in length, and with only Allen at short leg. McCabe sought to book a short one, and Harrell caught him at deep mid-on.

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be in time next innings. This was one of the saddest Australian routs I have ever known, one without fight or the old rear-guard counter-attack led of old by Carter, Hugh Trimble, and good old Bill Howell.

Ward made a reflex action at Allen, and Harrell caught him at ally mid-on falling over to see a stroke not his far enough for him to reach without an effort.

It was necessary for McCormick to come in with a runner, whose services were not elaborately wanted, for O'Reilly hopelessly pushed a catch to Lydian, who also had to roll and reach.

Thus ended the sad and surprising tale of woe. Eight wickets fell today for 83 in nearly three hours.

### HOSTILE BAND

The England Eleven were, as the man in Charles Dickens says, transmogrified: it was a hostile band of brothers.

Voce was superb: no short stuff, no modern theories, but correct length and much pace off the pitch, and the deadly ball that leaves the batsman just a little.

Verity and Robins jumped to their chances and performed a bluff sweet enough to make the pavilion cat laugh. It seemed all too good to be true—or too bad, according to one's point of view.

At the Australian innings subsided in the company of a crowd that had been so happy and trusting. I thought of a passage in the diary of Samuel Pepys: "I went to Charing Cross to see Major-General Harrison, hanged, drawn, and quartered, which was done there, he looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition."

### BITTER BATTLE

England's second innings began with the confidence which confidence begets, until Worthington seemed to become stumped off the wicketkeeper's boots. The occurrence escaped the eternal vigilance of the Press box: none of us knew exactly how Worthington had got out. The main thing was that he was out.

The battle was bitter. The Australian fielding shot out the old fierce opportunism. O'Reilly bowled with all his strength and skill. The Australians were fighting to redeem an evil day. Every ball bowled was a challenge; we could feel at the edge of the field the strain and ordeal through which the players were passing.

Twice was Harrell beaten, once by Ward, once by O'Reilly. The England innings looked insecure just now, and Ward was bowling his best this time, with flight and spin. We are in for a tussle, a death-grip, goodness knows. And no man yet can say what will be the end.

### COFFIN NAILS

A half-hour or so of painful, uninspiring contention happened while Harrell and Page kept guard against the axe of O'Reilly and the skeleton key of Ward. Every ball we knew now was a nail in somebody's coffin, England's or Australia's.

Page was gallantly dour and watchful, but we could see Harrell chafing in the cordon of Australia's counter-attack. At last he made an attempt to escape. He hit freely and beautifully to leg, only to be caught deep as beautifully by Bradock. Another moment of crisis and uproar!

With a pretty off-drive, Page greeted Hammond. Dazzling fielding ensued on Hammond's shot—a game fit for the gods at last, slow but charged with fatality.

## MAX BAER COMEBACK LATEST

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SHAKE-UP RESULTS

Chicago, Illinois.

Max Baer, the former heavyweight champion of the world, who will visit England sometime in February to fight Walter Neusel, the German who recently out-pointed Ben Ford, British and Empire heavyweight champion, is going to spend Christmas at his home in Livermore, California. He said he was homesick.

Max's sudden bout of nostalgia cut short the come-back campaign he has been waging in the hopes of regaining the heavyweight crown he lost to James J. Braddock in June, 1935.

Baer's tour, which ended suddenly after a fight in Toronto, Canada, was not the howling success that the "Livermore Larruper" had hoped it would be.

In fact, the sudden termination of Baer's bid for a comeback was hailed not so much for his longing for his native California as for the description of the fight by Mr. Mitchell F. Hepburn, the premier of Ontario.

"A fake, fiasco and a disgrace to the sport," said Mr. Hepburn.

### 2nd ROUND K.O.

This fight, which resulted in a second round knockout victory for Max Baer, has precipitated an all round shake up in the Ontario Athletic Commission by the premier.

At the same time, Mr. Hepburn issued orders that, in future, all contracts between boxers and promoters must be filed with the Commission before a permit is issued.

Baer, who entered the ring at 15 st. 2 lbs., a good 10 lbs. overweight, had no comment to make on the Toronto bout, but Benny Ray, a member of the ex-champion's entourage, said that the Toronto promoters had wanted a \$400 opponent for Baer "and that's what they got."

## BY "VERITAS" CLUBHOUSE CHATTER

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position to the luck which inevitably attends these matches. This is not to take away from the Englishmen the credit which rightly belongs to them for making the utmost of the advantages; for the luck of the game can go either way. So far, in both Tests played, it has been with England. Twice Allen has won the toss to give his men the privilege of batting on ideal wickets, and twice Australia has had to go out and try to make runs on a pitch ruined by weather. But one has only to read the detailed reports of the first Test which are printed in this issue to realise that bad wicket or no bad wicket the English bowlers have performed magnificently and have kept the Australians well in check. Take that first innings of Australia at Brisbane. Neville Cardus, the brilliant commentator, makes no mention of an afflicted wicket when Voce, the entire Australian eleven for a mere 234 runs. It was due, according to him, firstly to the excellence and keenness of the English attack (notably Voce who made them swing away in disconcerting fashion), and secondly to the timidity of the Australians. The fact is the English bowlers have been doing magnificent work; they have made use of every advantage offered, but even when conditions were apparently more in favour of the batsmen than the bowlers, they continued to bowl finely enough to outwit the opposition. It is well then, while admitting that Australia has suffered the "bad breaks", to realise that England has been full value for her successes.

### LOCAL FOOTBALL

The following have been selected to represent Portugal against Wales on Boxing Day at the Kowloon Football Club ground in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup:

U. B. Sousa; L. Sousa, V. F. Costa; N. Beltrao, A. V. Gosano (Capt.), N. Delgado; C. Marques, C. Santos, B. Gosano, J. Gomes and L. Fernandes. Reserves: E. Marques, V. Marques, H. Remedios, H. Sousa and A. M. Alves.

### LADIES' YACHTING

## U.S. Members Beaten By "The Remainder"

A ladies race, U.S. members against the Remainder was arranged yesterday by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and resulted in a win for the Remainder by 7 points. Miss Crawhall-Wilson, (The Remainder) sailing Widgeon, scored the maximum number of points. Mrs. E. Moore (U.S.) sailing Heron, being second.

The course over a distance of 5.0 miles was as follows: Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Ramsey Shoal (P), Club line.

Full results were:  
"Y" class started: 15.00.  
"A" class started: 15.05.

U.S. Members	Yacht	Finished	Capt	Pn	Pt
	Carpenter	10.49.35		12	1
	(Mrs. B. P. Eley)				
	Lobo	10.45.07		10	3
	(Mrs. E. R. Edwards)				
	Isobel	10.42.26		9	4
	(Mrs. M. Ellerby)				
	Cleanda	10.39.43		4	9
	(Mrs. S. D. Reid)				
	Heron	10.36.56	10.36.56	2	11
	(Mrs. E. Moore)				
	Zephyr	10.40.55	10.40.27	5	8
	(Mrs. D'Arcy-Evans)				
	Total			36	

The Remainder

The Reminders		
Artemis	10.42.05	7 0
(Mrs. G. H. Sheldon)		
Joss	10.41.31	6 7
(Miss B. Kirk)		
True Blue	10.37.15	3 10
(Mrs. G. D. Adams)		
Kittwinke	10.40.25	11 2
(Miss P. M. King)		
Widgeon	10.36.33 10.36.33	1 13
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)		
Zephyr	10.43.09 10.42.45	8 5
(Miss M. Whitlam)		

"The Remainder" won by 7 points.

### INQUEST ON PRISONER

## ANOTHER CONVICT VICTIM OF TUBERCULOSIS

An inquiry into the death of a prisoner of Victoria Gaol was conducted by Mr. K. Keen, sitting as Coroner, at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Deceased's name was Ho Ping alius Ho Nam, aged 34.

Mr. H. Barrett, Chief warder of Victoria Gaol testified that deceased was admitted there for a term of four months' imprisonment on December 9.

Dr. G. I. Shaw, medical officer of

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the Gaol Hospital, stated that deceased was first treated on December 16. The man died on December 18 at 7.30 a.m. of pulmonary tuberculosis and cardiac failure.

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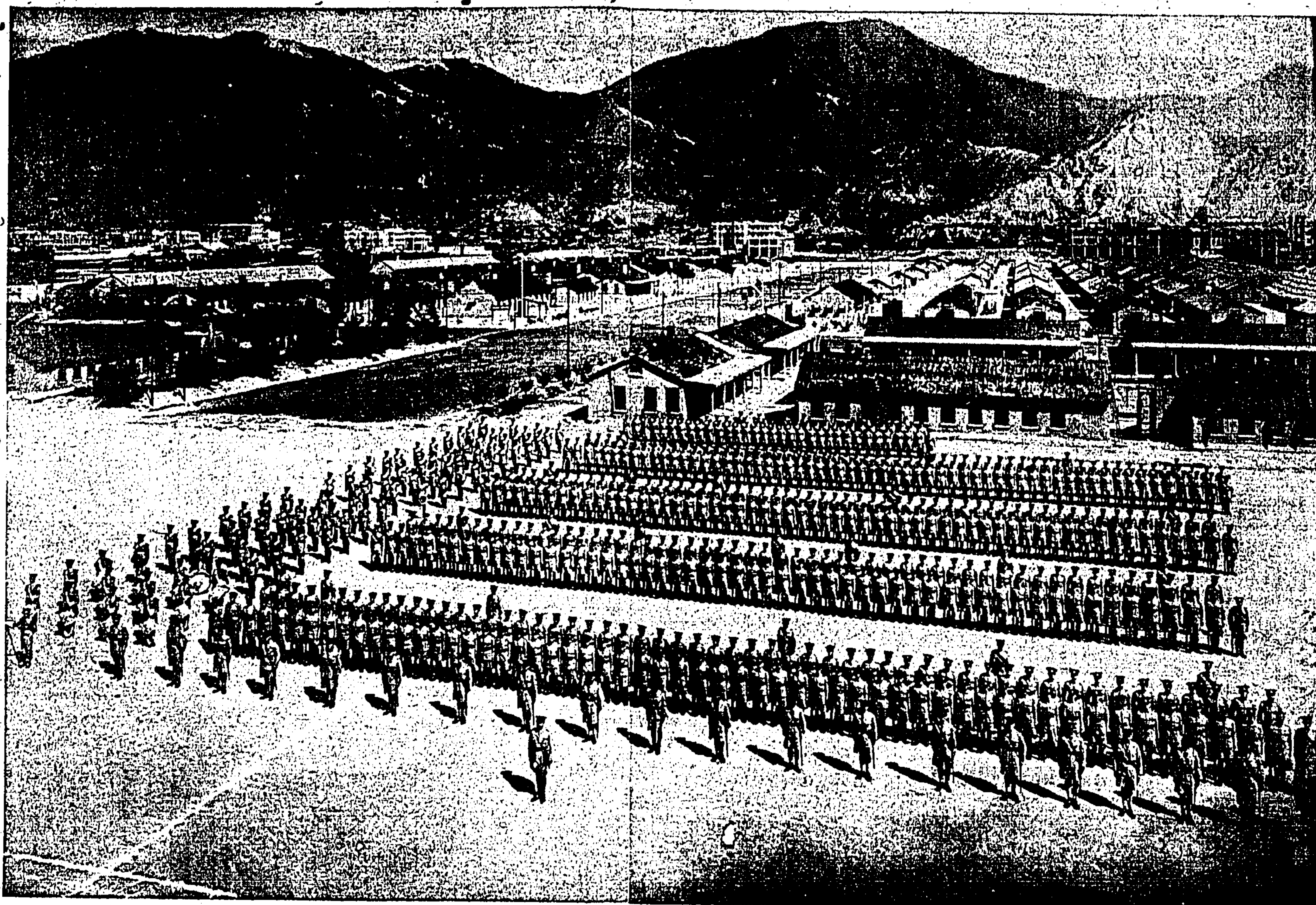
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## NEW LION RAMPANT FLAG DISPUTE

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says There is No Objection to its Use  
LORD LYON'S DENIAL

Modification of the Ban for the Coronation Celebrations

A new controversy has arisen over the use of the Lion Rampant flag of Scotland, involving, on opposite sides, such authorities as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord President of the Council, and Sir Francis J. Grant, Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has made the pronouncement that there is no objection to the display of the flag.

Two years ago, he says, a Royal Warrant was issued to the Lord Lyon King of Arms directing that in future no official cognisance be taken of the display of the flag.

The Lord Lyon emphatically differs. He denies that the Royal Warrant gave any such direction as Mr. MacDonald suggests, and maintains that his authority on the point is unimpaired.

He states that the flying of the Lion Rampant by private individuals is prohibited, but that a modification of the order has been made for the Coronation celebrations, under which it will be permissible to use the flag for decoration purposes. The ban on flying it from a flagstaff will still remain, however.

fact, quite the reverse is the position at the moment.

Sir Francis refused to go into the details of the letter from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on the grounds that "the matter is too delicate a one to be made public."

He pointed out, however, that the flying of the Lion Rampant is prohibited by statute, but that a modification has been made with regard to the forthcoming Coronation celebrations.

"The flag," said the Lord Lyon, "may be used for decoration purposes and may be draped, but it is still quite illegal to fly it from a flagstaff."

The Lord Lyon, referring to the pronouncement of Mr. MacDonald, said: "That is entirely wrong. Certainly a Royal Warrant was issued, the terms of which I cannot reveal, but it is entirely without foundation to say that I was directed to take no official cognisance of the flying of the Lion Rampant."

"I am still the authority on this matter. The Lion flag is the private property of the King, and those who fly it without being entered on the proper register are still liable to prosecution."

SUPPORT FOR LORD LYON

"I entirely agree with Sir Francis Grant," said Mr. George F. Hoy, secretary of the St. Andrew Society of Edinburgh, to a reporter.

"Our Society has always taken up the attitude that the flying of the Lion Rampant is the prerogative of the King, and his representatives. We understand, however, that the flag may be used by private individuals for draping purposes."

Mr. John A. Stewart, convenor of the Heraldry Committee of the St. Andrew Society of Glasgow, said: "The Royal Warrant was certainly issued, but it is ultra vires. It was stated by the late Sir Godfrey Collins, when Secretary of State for Scotland, that new legislation was required before any person could use any part of the Royal Arms. That new legislation has not been put forward, so there is no means of getting round it by Royal Warrant."

Departments that have power to make law as they go along, but that does not apply to heraldry. The Royal Arms are registered in the Lyon Office by Acts of Parliament, and neither Secretary of State nor any other person can set these aside. The Royal Warrant merely suggested that the Lyon King should take no notice.

"It is contrary to the law of Scotland, and no Scotsman with any respect for Scotland would use the Lion Rampant."

The real ban is on the Scottish national flag, St. Andrew's Cross. Neither the War Office nor the Admiralty allow it to be used.

"Many English regiments carry the St. George's Cross as their second colour, but Scottish regiments are not permitted to carry the corresponding banner of St. Andrew."

"The Scottish flag has not got its proper justice in the British Services."

## CONFLICTING VIEWS

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald on Terms of Royal Warrant  
"ALL WRONG," SAYS LORD LYON

Some time ago Mr. Charles W. Thomson, an ex-rector of Buckle Secondary School, who is now resident in Glasgow, and who is a noted advocate of the use of the Lion Rampant flag, wrote to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald asking him "whether anything could be done to end the recurrent irritation caused by pedantic agitation on the question of Scottish flags."

"Every now and again warnings are issued as to the consequences of using the traditional Scottish flag—traditional, at least, within the memory of the oldest people now living in the Lion Rampant."

"In view of the approaching Coronation, with its celebrations and decorations, the present time would be especially fitting for a statement by His Majesty, or by His Majesty's Government, that—allowing all questions of formal heraldry—no exception would be taken to the display of this historic flag for decorative purposes—on public and national occasions."

## MR. MACDONALD'S REPLY

From the Privy Council Office, Whitehall, Mr. Thomson received the following letter in reply:—

"I am pleased by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 10 and to say there is no objection to the display of the Lion Rampant flag by His Majesty's subjects as a mark of loyalty to the Sovereign."

"At one time objection was taken on heraldic grounds to the display of this flag."

"It became apparent, however, that the Lion Rampant flag made a strong appeal to Scottish sentiment; and in September, 1934, a Royal Warrant was issued to the Lord Lyon King of Arms directing that henceforth no official cognisance should be taken of the display of this flag by His Majesty's subjects."

SETTLED ONCE AND FOR ALL!

When he was interviewed recently, Mr. Thomson said the letter divulged for the first time that a Royal Warrant had been issued to the Lord Lyon King of Arms on the subject.

Mr. Thomson declared that this letter has settled the controversy once and for all. He said:—

"Self-constituted critics, and even the Lord Lyon himself, have discouraged the use of the flag, although in 1922 the Secretary for Scotland (now Lord Ailesbury) stated in Parliament that the use of the Scottish Lion Rampant was to be encouraged."

"In 1932 a Stirling picture-house manager was ordered by the minions of the Lord Lyon to pull down the flag. He was told that, under an old Act, he was liable to be beheaded!"

"The heraldic experts of certain St. Andrew Societies, who professed to speak with authority, have now had their answer from the fountain of honour itself."

"Even as far back as 1907 members of Glasgow Corporation were told by Sir James Balfour Paul, as Lord Lyon King, that King Edward 'well knew the Lion Flag was most popular with the people of Scotland, and they were quite free to use it as they desired without any restriction whatever.'"

## LORD LYON'S VIEWS

Sir Francis J. Grant, the Lord Lyon King of Arms, in an interview issued a denial of any statement which might be made to the effect that the flying of the Lion Rampant would no longer be considered illegal.

"No permission has been given to use or fly the flag," he said, "and, in

## HISTORY OF THE DISPUTE

Lion Rampant "the Property of the King"

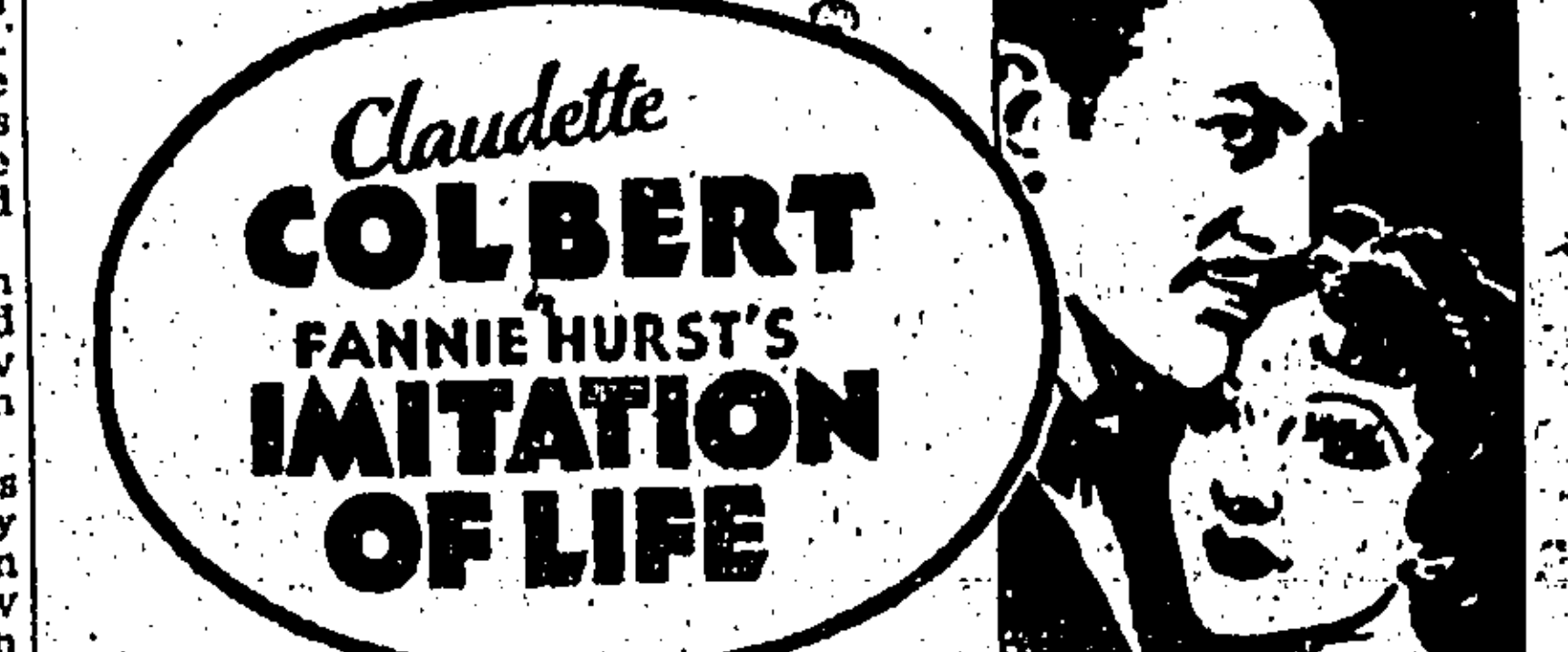
LORD LYON'S JURISDICTION

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## REFUGEES IN SPAIN



More than half a million women and children have fled to safety from Madrid, where bombs are spreading death and disaster.

## DEVIL'S ISLE "CITIZENS"

British Sanctuary

Port of Spain (Trinidad), Dec. 10. Rights amounting almost to British citizenship have been granted here to fugitives from the French penal colony, Devil's Island.

Eight escaped men now in Trinidad will be allowed to remain if they are law-abiding. Sir Murchison Fletcher, the governor, has promised to find passages whenever the men wish to leave and, if necessary, pay their fares.

The decision is temporary, and awaits a final ruling by the Colonial Office.

at his theatre. He was asked by a representative of the Lord-Lieutenant of the county of Stirling to take the flag down.

Later the management of the picture house received a letter from the Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, Sir John Lamb, which intimated that "there is no necessity to discourage the display of this flag."

Several months afterwards, following a suggestion made by the National Party of Scotland that the Lion Rampant should be flown over municipal buildings throughout Scotland on the anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, an official circular was issued by the Court of the Lord Lyon pointing out that the Lion Rampant was the property of the King, and that its use by private individuals was a statutory offence.

The Government had stated that enforcement of the Scottish Laws of Arms was reasonable, and obviously a considered breach of the law by responsible authorities could not be overlooked.

The matter was raised in the House of Commons a month later by Mr. J. Reid, Unionist M.P. for Stirling. He asked Sir Godfrey Collins whether, in view of the recent pronouncement of the Lord Lyon King of Arms regarding the flying of the Lion Rampant, he would make a further statement on the question.

Sir Godfrey, in his reply, said that the Lord Lyon was invested by statute with jurisdiction to determine matters relating to armorial rights in Scotland.

Mr. Reid asked if, as the Scottish Office had already indicated that it had no objection to the flying of this flag, Sir Godfrey would consider taking steps to remove the technical objection at present existing.

Sir Godfrey replied that the Lord Lyon was the judge of those matters, and fresh legislation would be required to remove the objection to the flying of the flag.

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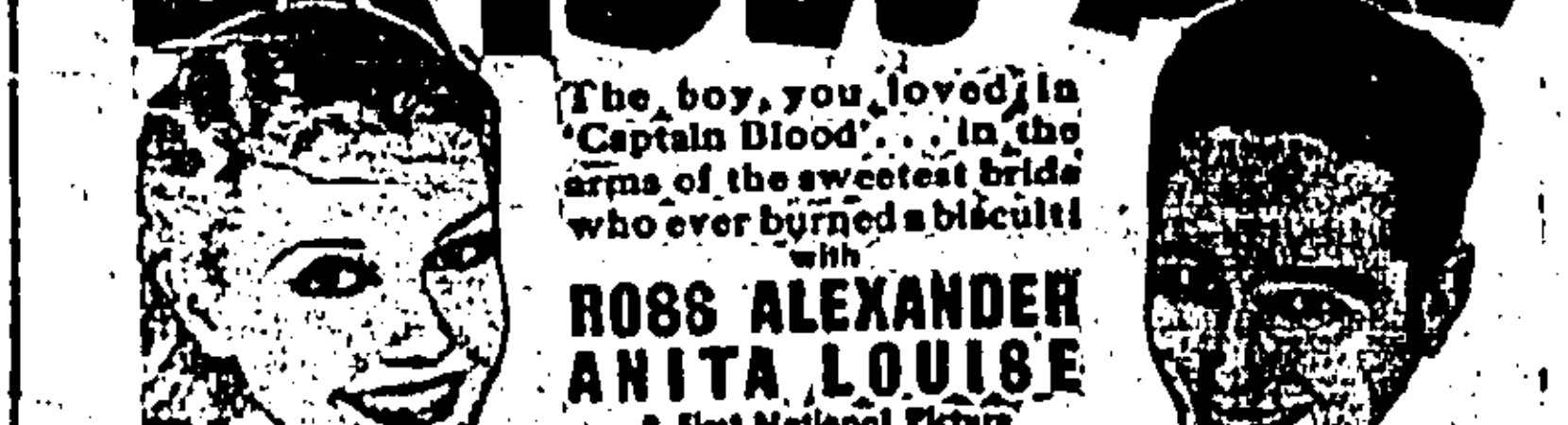
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## AUSTRALIANS FACE DEFEAT BY INNINGS

### 120 Runs in Arrears with Five Wickets in Hand

### FINGLETON AND BRADMAN MAKE STUBBORN STAND

Australia continued to make a gallant fight to avoid defeat when the second Test match was resumed at Sydney this morning, and by adding 63 runs for the loss of two wickets by the luncheon interval had increased their overnight score of 145 for 1 to 208 for three.

But they were two very vital wickets. Firstly Fingleton went after adding seven to his score which at the close yesterday was 67, and then, after Bradman had contributed a further 25 to his overnight innings of 57, he lost his wicket.

At lunch Australia were 138 runs behind with seven wickets in hand.

With resumption of play, however, two wickets fell in quick succession, the score standing at 226 for five, leaving the Australians 120 runs in arrears.

Sydney, Dec. 22.  
Five thousand people gathered at the spacious cricket ground here this morning to watch Australia resume her fight against a possible innings defeat.  
The weather was sultry and threatening, but the wicket was declared to be in a good condition.  
Australians heard some heartening news when it was announced that Bradcock, who has been out of the team for the last two days owing to a high temperature, had recovered sufficiently to allow him to bat today.

**Fingleton Bowled**  
Australia had scored 150 in 173 minutes at the wicket and the 200 was put up after 247 minutes of play.  
Fingleton's stand was ended by Sims, with a good length swerve which took the Australian's middle stump, leaving him a creditable total of 73 runs. He batted for 190 minutes and his innings was featured by dour leg hitting and straight driving. He had four fours, 102 for two wickets.  
Verily returned to the attack when the score was at 180 and Bradman mistimed the fourth ball, playing on to his wicket. A confident and crisp all round display. He was at the wicket for 171 minutes and hit six boundaries. 180 for three.

**Lunch Time Score**  
McCabe with 18 and Chipperfield 13 were not out when the luncheon interval was called, the score then being 208 for three.—*Reuter*.

## STOP PRESS

### TEA TIME SCORE

At tea time the Australians had scored 309 for five wickets, McCabe being 88, not out.—*Reuter*.

## MRS. EINSTEIN DEAD IN U.S.

### FAMOUS HUSBAND SHUNS PUBLICITY

Princeton, N.J., Dec. 21.  
Mrs. Elsa Einstein, wife of the famous scientist, is dead.—*Reuter*.  
The United Press adds that Mrs. Einstein died on Sunday, after an illness of several weeks. Her death was not revealed until today, owing to Professor Einstein's extreme dislike for publicity of any sort.

### TO AID CHAUMONT

Washington, Dec. 21.  
The Navy Department has ordered the destroyers Bittern, Finch, and Peacock, at present in Manila, to proceed to Chinwangtao and assist the supply ship, U.S.S. Chaumont, in that harbour.—*United Press*.

## TRAGIC SHOOTING ACCIDENT

### FORMER HONGKONG BANK MAN KILLED

**WELL-KNOWN IN COLONY**  
The many friends of Mr. Brabazon Disney Gerrard Barlow, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, will be shocked to learn of his tragic death, which occurred at Dairen on Sunday, when he was accidentally killed whilst out shooting. No details of the fatal occurrence have been received.

The late Mr. Barlow was very well-known and extremely popular in Hongkong, having been here with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation from November, 1934, until July, 1936, when he was transferred to Dairen. Only 26 years of age, he came from a distinguished and well-known family, his father, Mr. A. H. Barlow, being the former Chief Manager of the Bank. He was an undergraduate of Cambridge University, and during his stay in the Colony he took a great interest in rugby, playing for the Hongkong Football Club both in the First and 'A' fifteens as a forward. An enthusiastic sailor, he was at one time the owner of the auxiliary yawl Norseman, while he also served in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Defence Force as a cadet.

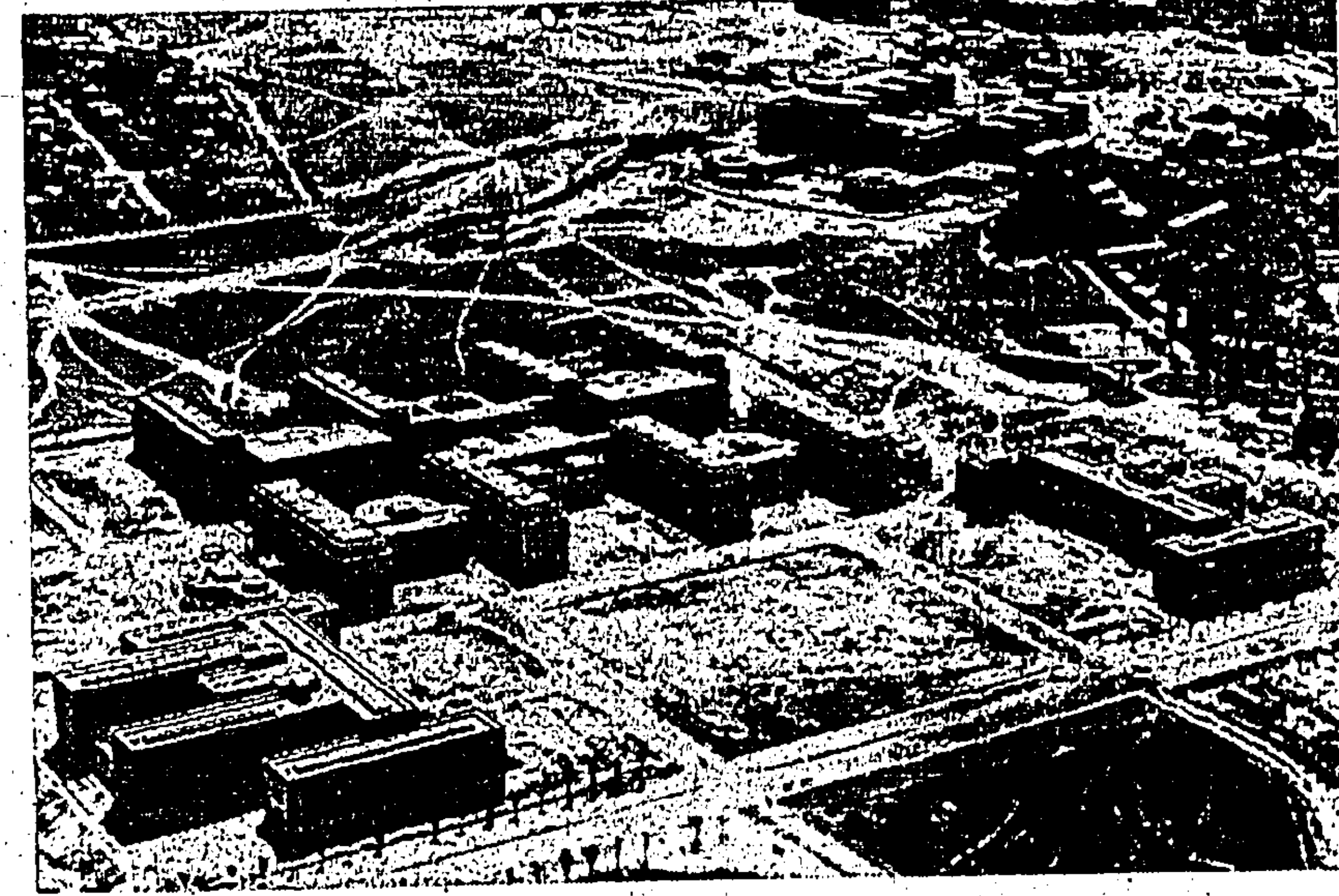
The late Mr. Barlow was a good rifle shot, and, together with his colleague, Mr. R. P. Edwards, won the Public School Veterans' Challenge Cup of the Hongkong Rifle Association last year. He had also shot many times at Bisley.

Deceased also took a great interest in radio and while he was here was in the habit of getting up in the early hours every Wednesday to get in touch with a friend in Long Island. Besides his parents who came out here to visit him last year, the late Mr. Barlow, who was the eldest son, has two brothers, one of whom is in the Army and the other has just passed his final medical examination. The deepest sympathy will be extended to the bereaved parents and family.

### ROYAL CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 21.  
The King and Queen will leave London tomorrow for Sandringham, where they are spending the Christmas. Their Majesties, accompanied by their two daughters and Queen Mary, will travel by Royal train from King's Cross to Woburn, and then by air to Sandringham.—*British Wireless*.

## UNDER SEVERE SHELL-FIRE



This is Madrid's famous, old University City. In it lie hidden hundreds of loyalist militiamen, with bombs and machine-guns. On its outskirts and in some of its buildings, insurgent troops have barricaded themselves. They are fighting ferociously in a series of day and night raids upon one another's strong points. And all the while shells scream overhead and "crump" into the positions held by loyalist and rebel alike. The bombardment hardly ever ceases, and is generally sustained by both sides.

## FRANCE WILL BUILD GREAT BATTLE FLEET

### To Spend £200,000,000 In Next Three Years

(SPECIAL TO "TELEGRAPH")

Paris, Dec. 21.  
France is embarking upon a naval building programme of considerable dimensions as soon as the naval limitation treaties expire at the end of the current year.

Her new programme is designed to create "a most modern battle fleet," possibly by 1940; that is, within three years.

Officials declared to-day that not a single ton of France's existing warships will be destroyed, following the British-American lead of retention of over-age tonnage. And the country intends to build as fast as her money and shipyard facilities allow.

The Superior Naval Council has decided that the nation's warship tonnage of approximately 200,000 tons shall be increased to 350,000 tons. The cost of this great enterprise will be at least £200,000,000, and will keep French shipyards busy for ten years.

The French programme's objective is roughly this:  
1. A war fleet one-third greater than Italy's;  
2. A war fleet one-half larger than Germany's.

It is indicated that the Superior Naval Council is not concerned over the strength of the British and American fleets.—*United Press*.

economic pressure is doomed to fail. In his appeal last week, Mr. Eden urged the world to turn from armaments competition to economic co-operation, adding that an armaments agreement was a necessary prerequisite of any economic settlement.—*Reuter, Special*.

## POPE TO BROADCAST TO WORLD CHRISTMAS EVE

Vatican City, Dec. 21.  
His Holiness the Pope is planning to broadcast a message to the world on Christmas Eve. He is expected to make an appeal for peace.  
The Pope's broadcast is expected to replace the Christmas address to the Cardinals, which has been cancelled owing to his illness.  
The Vatican to-day denied the claims reports concerning the Pope's health, which circulated over the week-end. It is stated that the Pope receives his Cardinal Secretary of State daily and actively occupies himself with state affairs.  
Meanwhile, in Rome, it is officially stated that His Holiness will broadcast from his bed at 11.30 p.m. G.M.T. Thursday.—*Reuter*.

## ARMY CLOSE TO SIANFU

### Madame Chiang Flying To Husband's Side

### CLIMAX OF NORTH CHINA CRISIS FAST APPROACHES

Nanking, Dec. 22.  
While Government aeroplanes are most active, bombing and raking with machine-guns the rebel forces, infantry are pushing rapidly towards Sianfu. In this city, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is still held captive by Chang Hsueh-liang and his allies. The climax of the North China crisis is fast approaching.

Meanwhile, Madame Chiang Kai-shek has decided to fly to her husband's side. Together with Mr. T. V. Soong, the former Finance Minister and her brother, and with Mr. W. H. Donald, Marshal Chiang's adviser, Madame Chiang left by aeroplane for Sianfu this morning.—*Reuter*.

### DEPARTURE CONFIRMED

Shanghai, Dec. 22.  
Central News announced officially to-day that Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. T. V. Soong, her brother, and Mr. W. H. Donald, her husband's adviser, left by aeroplane for Sianfu at 10.30 a.m. to-day.—*United Press*.

### No Resistance

Shanghai, Dec. 22.  
Central Government troops are advancing without meeting any resistance in Shensi. They have reached Chihsiu, 45 miles from Sianfu, Chang Hsueh-liang's headquarters.—*United Press*.

### Hostages Exchanged?

Tungkuang, Dec. 22.  
General Yen Shi-shan's representatives, Chao Tai-wen and Hsu Yung-chang left for Sianfu to-day, presumably to guarantee the safety of Chang Hsueh-liang in the event of a settlement being reached with Nanking, whereby Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will be released.

General Yu Yu-jen, sitting in a de luxe car on a railway siding here, after failing to obtain a safe pass to Sianfu, said to-day:  
"There has been no serious fighting yet, and I trust there won't be in the future."—*United Press*.

### Confer In Paris

Paris, Dec. 22.  
Chinese diplomats in Europe are conferring in Paris during the coming week with respect to the kidnapping of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It is reported that Mr. Tien Fong-chen, Ambassador to Berlin, is proceeding to Frankfurt to meet Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former Foreign Minister, who is believed to be attending the party also.—*United Press*.

### No Concrete Results

Nanking, Dec. 22.  
Usually well-informed quarters state that Mr. T. V. Soong's previous visit to Sianfu produced no concrete agreement, but that he has strong hopes of a peaceful solution of the affair compatible with the Government's determination not to make concessions with regard to the policy ultimately to be achieved.—*Reuter*.

## AMERICAN ARMS BAN SUSTAINED

### SUPREME COURT DECISION

### MAY EXTEND EMBARGO

Washington, Dec. 21.  
Administration circles are most optimistic since the decision of the United States Supreme Court, upholding the legislative ban on arms exports to belligerents, was announced.

Well-informed quarters forecast that in consequence new neutrality legislation is to be submitted to Congress in January, which will empower the President to prohibit not only the export of arms, but also shipments of explosives, materials such as cotton, wheat and steel. The same quarters predict that Congress will enact a ban on raw materials, as on armaments, for belligerents.—*Reuter*.

## Nuffield's Gift To Distressed

### £2,000,000 XMAS PRESENT

London, Dec. 21.  
Lord Nuffield, the well-known motor-car manufacturer and philanthropist, has placed at the disposal of three trustees a sum of £2,000,000 for the benefit of the distressed areas.

The trustees have full discretion to use the capital of the trust for the initiation or support of measures likely to lift unemployment in the distressed areas and for the social benefit of the inhabitants.

It is stated that Lord Nuffield desired to give practical shape to the current expressions of goodwill towards the new monarch, King George VI, and simultaneously to do anything possible to support the National Government, particularly the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin.—*Reuter, Special*.

A British Wireless message says Lord Nuffield states that he appreciates that the Government has done and is doing all that is possible within its legitimate sphere, but he feels there is still room for a trust the activities of which would not be limited by considerations which apply in the allocation of public money authorised by Parliament.

The three trustees appointed are Mr. Nigel L Campbell, Lord Portal and Mr. D. Seebohm Rowntree.

## ENTANGLEMENT AVOIDED

### U.S. STICKS CLOSE TO OLD POLICY

Buenos Aires, Dec. 21.  
The United States delegation to the Pan-American peace conference to-day declined to vote on a resolution urging non-members of the League of Nations to co-operate with the League's peace efforts through attempting to co-ordinate the latter American treaties and the League Covenant.

The American delegation spokesman said the United States policy had been for the promotion and preservation of peace through the fullest international co-operation. However, that also "involved non-entanglement and non-involvement in political affairs abroad."—*United Press*.

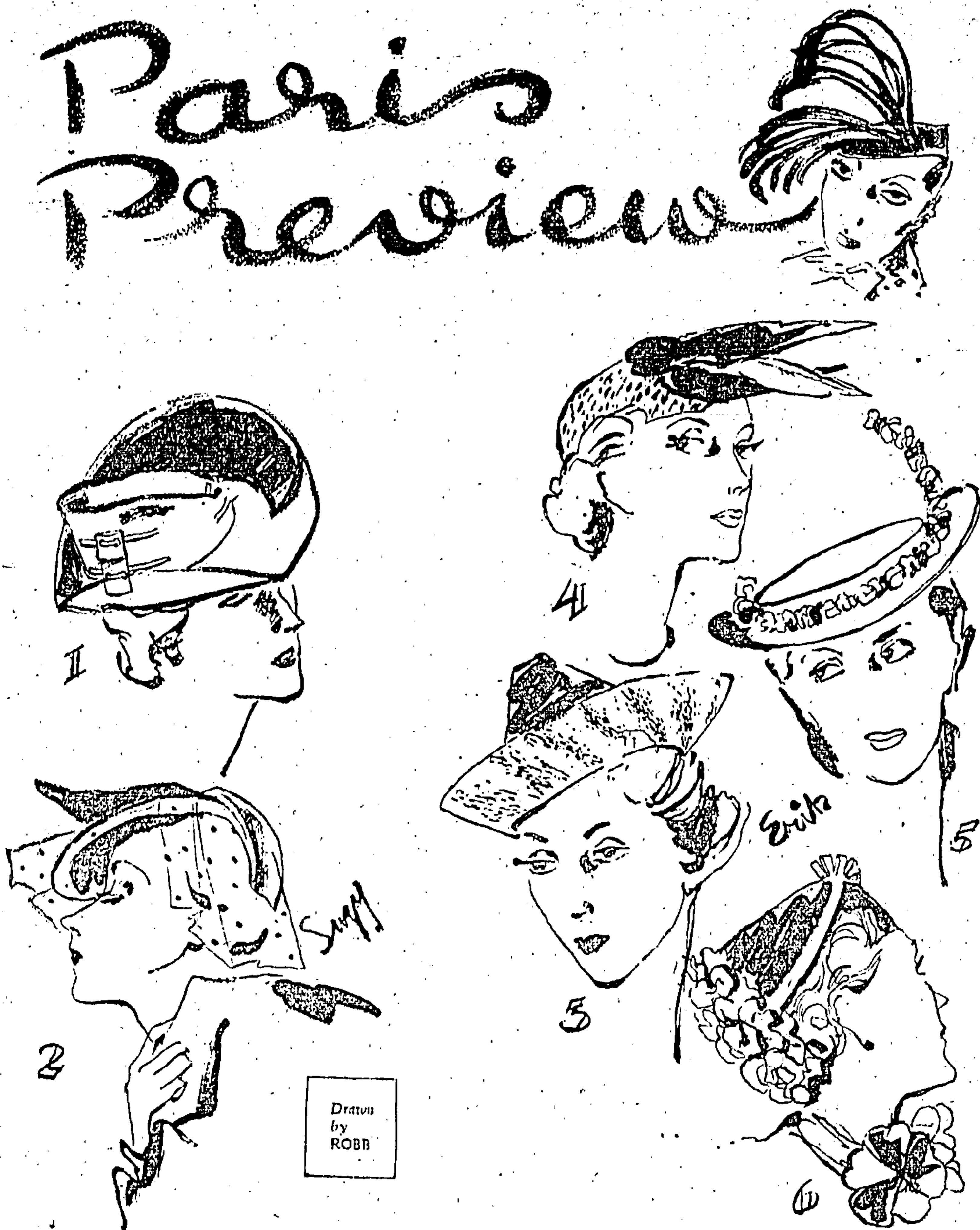
## CAPTAIN DIED ABOARD

### WHEN GERMAN SHIP FOUNDERED

Emden, Dec. 22.  
The German steamer, Afrika, en route to Emden from Norway, sank in a storm in the Trondhjem Fjord, with a cargo of 11,500 tons of ore. Only one man aboard her was drowned, her master, who refused to leave his ship.  
The German steamer Fellinghaus rescued 27 of the crew.—*United Press*.



# Paris Preview



Drawn  
by  
ROBB

## Is Your Name AGATHA?

Symbol: An Egyptian woman wearing a scarab.

THIS name signifies mystery, latent power, secrets kept. Friday is the lucky day, and the hours of 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. are the luckiest. The most favourable day of the month is the 16th.

Pastel shades will bring genuine aid to your personality, and should always be chosen for the decoration of your home. Your lucky stone is the agate. Columbines are assigned to you for your flower and your number is 3.

ROBB went to Paris recently and had a look at the hats they're designing now. First he went to Madame Suzy, Duchess of Kent's milliner, who designed 1, 2 and 3 of the hats he has drawn here. High hats are out, she says. New shape follows a moulded beret line (sketch 2). For the mornings tendency is for hats to go up and off the face; for afternoons line goes flat and down; for sports, sweeping cavalier lines. Veils (used sparingly) are long and loosely draped. New materials: Velours, antelope (sketch 2), flat furs such as horseskin (sketch 3).

From Suzy Robb went on to Erik's studio, found him working on his spring collection (pictures 4, 5, 6 and 7). Following the new trend of hairdressing, which makes for a short shingle at the back of women's heads, his hats are built up at the back with clusters of flowers (sketch 6) or birds' wings.

TOP RIGHT GRAND-MANER HAT (called Marlene) from Erik's. Small black velvet cap with a square brim, carrying two enormous black bird of paradise plumes.

1. BROWN SUEDE SPORTS HAT. Leather thongs clip the right brim to the crown, which is narrow. Left brim takes a wide cavalier sweep.

2. AFTERNOON BERET moulded in black antelope. Fits with a close helmet-grip at the back. A tongue of the same material carries the line forward. Black spotted veil is vaguely draped back and front.

3. TOWN HAT with a Mexican idea at the back of it. Narrowing crown is in black antelope, wide turn-up brim in horseskin. Black spots on a white ground. Looks sleek, rather like sealskin.

4. TWO-WAY HAT in stitched black taffetas. Black and white seagull wings thrust forward over the eyes. For shingled heads this hat is made reversed.

5. SPRING BOATER in blue straw. Note the new arrangement of flowers which Erik uses in all his trappings. The stiffened wreath of blue, white, yellow and black flowers is incomplete—ends in mid-air.

6. BLACK VELOURS CAP. More ribbon bands in the crown, its ends bunched in the front. Flat cluster of pansies at the back in Coronation colours—rich royal purples and reds.

## DAINTIES for the CHILDREN

By "HOUSEWIFE"

PARTY days for the children are here and planning the menu for little folks is half the fun of party giving.

Here are some excellent recipes:

### TURKEY STUFFING

Cut into very small pieces 2 lb. lean pork and mince it twice. Add four level tablespoons white breadcrumbs, a good pinch of powdered herbs and the same of sage, one teaspoonful salt, a pinch of pepper and the turkey liver finely chopped. Before using the liver remove all green parts as they are bitter. Moisten with a little stock, little water, but do not get it too and use to stuff the bird. For a small bird use half quantities.

### FOR SMALL BIRD

Three pounds sausage meat, ¼ lb. smoked minced ham, three hard-boiled eggs, ½ lb. breadcrumbs, one breadcrumb, 1 lb. celery hearts, one raw egg. Flavour with salt, pepper and dash of powdered nutmeg. Mix all ingredients (except eggs) together. Chop hard-boiled eggs, and add to mixture with raw egg. Now fill in stuffing to turkey. Very tasty, hot or cold.

### RAISIN AND PRUNE

Four cups breadcrumbs, half-cupful shredded suet, one teaspoonful mixed herbs, salt and pepper to taste, one cupful raisins, one cupful prunes, one tablespoonful chopped

onion, one egg. (The egg is not necessary unless one wishes to serve the dressing cold next day with the cold turkey).

Pour one pint of hot water over the raisins and prunes and let them stand, covered, until cold. Drain, cut prunes in pieces. Mix the fruit with the crumbled breadcrumbs, fat and seasoning. If necessary, add a little water, but do not get it too moist.

### CHESTNUT AND SAGE

Three pounds onions, ¼ oz. sage and a pinch of thyme, one teaspoonful of boiled chestnuts, one teaspoonful of breadcrumbs, 1 lb. celery hearts, one raw egg.

First peel onions and boil until tender. Clean and prepare celery, chop, then boil for about 20 minutes, braising in hot oven with butter for 20 minutes. Pick the chestnuts with a fork and boil for half an hour. Peel carefully, and chop. Grate the apple with the onions, and the celery, chestnuts and breadcrumbs, chop and mix carefully, seasoning to taste with pepper and salt. Stuff prunes, one tablespoonful chopped

## GAMES

### That Go With A SWING

WHAT to play? It's the vital question at the family gathering on Christmas night and at the innumerable parties which follow during the festive season.

So here are ideas which are guaranteed to make any party "go." Let every prospective hostess keep these notes handy so that on the occasion of her own party there'll never be a moment's pause—but game will follow game with increasing merriment and vigour until at the end of the evening, the guests will go home with the convinced opinion that this was the party of the season.

First, guests have got to get "acquainted," so here is a suggestion for starting the party off.

**BROKEN HEARTS.**—You have prepared a number of cardboard hearts, each heart being cut in two, zig-zag fashion. One half is given to each male guest and the other to each lady. Hearts have to fit together, and in this way partners are formed.

Two chairs are placed in the centre of the room and the guests sit round on the floor. The hostess calls out a number (each heart having a number written on it) and the lady of the pair sits on the chair and her partner has to propose to her, and she has to respond.

Acting ability, wit, and a modern or old-fashioned type of proposal make this a most entertaining game, and good efforts will be applauded.

The winning couple are not the best actors necessarily, but the pair where the lady REFUSES the man. Only the hostess knows this fact until the game is over.

**BABY FACE.**—Ask all your guests to bring any kind of photograph of themselves at any age up to five. Put these up round the room and the game is to identify them.

**STEEPLECHASE.**—Place a number of obstacles down the length of the room, such as a pile of books, a waste-paper basket, a tea-kettle, and so on. Each guest has to step over these obstacles without touching them or knocking them over while looking down the wrong end of a pair of opera glasses. This is great fun for onlookers, who watch the antics of the victim. The winner is the one who covers the course with the least number of accidents and in the shortest time.

**ALIBI.**—A couple go out of the room and are given ten minutes to build up an alibi as to their movements between certain hours which the court will select. These two are implicated in some alleged crime and two other players act as prosecuting counsel. The lady defendant is called in and is closely questioned by the counsel; then her partner is called in and further questions are put in an effort to break down their alibi. Eventually the judge sums up and the jury decide whether their alibi is proven or not. This is an excellent game for a smaller party.

**MUSICAL RACE.**—Couples line up and each pair is given a slip of paper with a number on it which only they know. Dancing starts, but soon the music stops and the couple standing nearest to those holding No. 1 are "out." The music starts again, and this time those nearest to No. 2 are told to stop, hand over their number and sit down. This goes on until the last couples are left in.

**SENTENCES.**—Here is a quiet but amusing game for adults. Two guests are sent out of the room. The remaining think out two ridiculous sentences, as, for instance, "I shall never forget that day on the iceberg when I shared my lunch with a Polar bear," and "I never got motoring without ear muffs." Each sentence is written on a separate folded piece of paper, the two players are called back and one is given to each, is read and kept secret.

The idea of the game is to see which can introduce the sentence into general conversation with the other without being challenged. The hostess tells them where they met, say at the Zoo, and they start to talk, each trying to work his sentence in by leading the conversation round to it. The one who gets his sentence in without challenge wins, but if the opposing player suspects a sentence he at once says "I challenge," and if it is the key sentence, he wins. The conversation is usually extremely funny.

Games where a number of articles have to be recognized by touch, smell, or taste are always amusing.

The players should, of course, be blindfolded while guessing.

**BEDTIME STORY.** is a good quiet game to play towards the end of the party. Everyone squats on the floor and the host starts a story. Suddenly he stops and taps his neighbour, who must at once continue the narrative, and so it goes on, with everyone in the circle adding an "instalment" until the story is complete.

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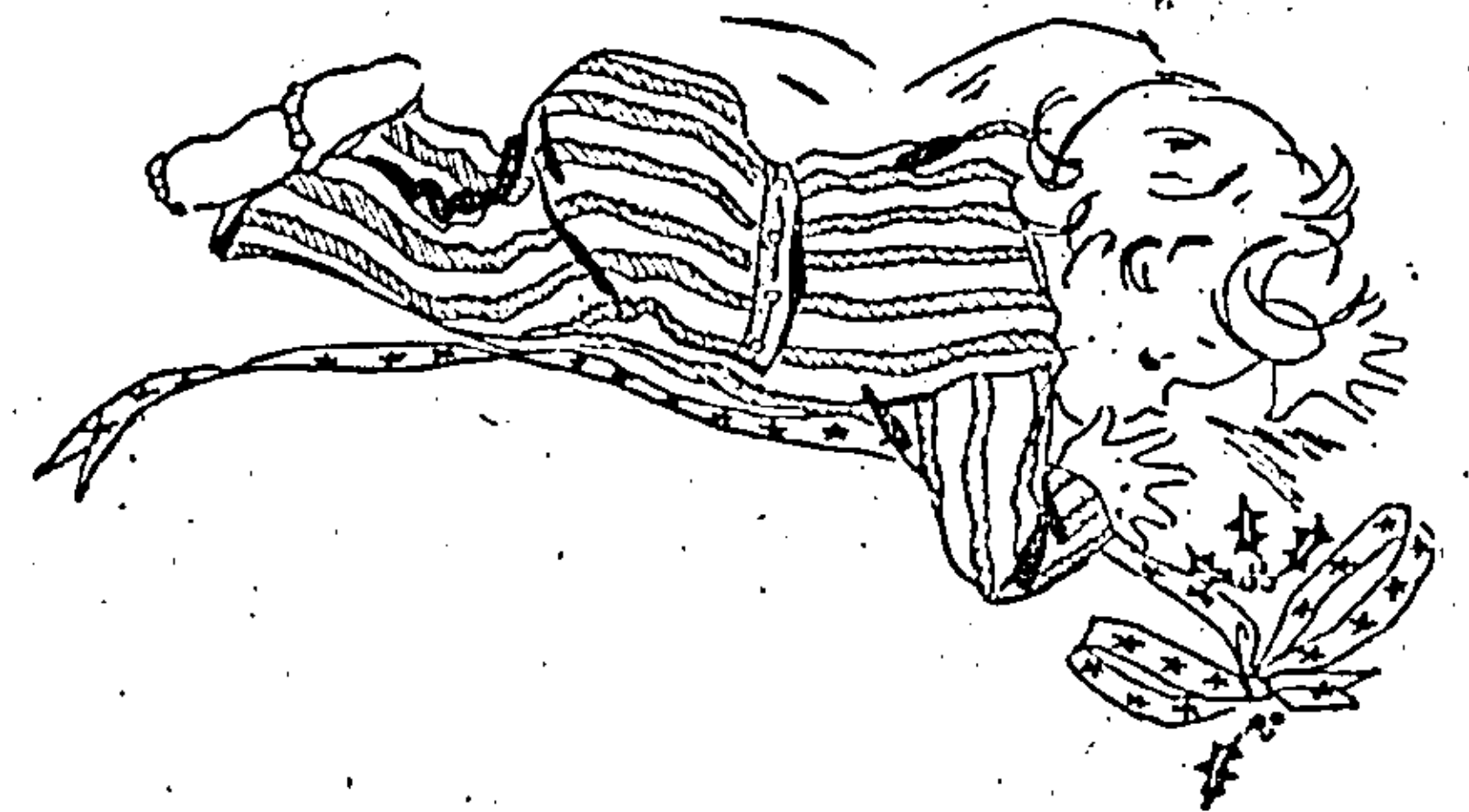


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## Bitter Outcry Against Her Accusers

By A Special Representative

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 20.

Mrs. M. M. Freer, wife of an Indian Army officer who had been refused admission to Australia, in a mood of ice-cold fury to-day gave me the first interview since she arrived here.

In a statement in the Australian Parliament, Mr. Paterson, the Minister of the Interior, declared that an Australian Army officer attached to the Indian Army "had become entangled with Mrs. Freer" whom he described as "a heartless adventuress."

"This Horrid Business"

"I want to be left to fight for my honour, my name. Surely, I should be allowed to go to Australia to vindicate my name, a woman's most cherished possession," she said.

"Up to now I have declined to discuss this horrid business. But now that they have started to drag my husband, my children, and other relations into this affair I am going to have a lot to say—I have Irish blood in me, you know."

"I'm In A Cleft Stick"

She walked about her room, her eyes flashing with suppressed fury. "Why—oh, why, should they tell my dear, sweet old mother-in-law about this Australian business?" she asked.

"She is my dearest friend on earth, has always been a mother to me, has had the most implicit faith in me."

"She is 76 years old and ill, and when all this misunderstanding and trouble arose I feared that if she

heard a wrong version of this affair

"So I cabled home, asking that

I should not be told anything

about the case—not for my sake, but

for hers."

"I am in a cleft stick. For

the life of me I don't know

what will come of it all—but

I am going to fight and fight

hard."

Mrs. Freer told me she had re-

ceived a cable from the father of

Lieutenant Dewar, the Australian

officer whose wife she blames for

her exclusion from the Common-

wealth.

A PRIVATE AFFAIR

"He offered to pay my fare to

England by any route, provided that

I didn't touch at Melbourne," she

explained.

"I replied thanking him for his

very kind offer and asked if he

would also be willing to pay my

passage round the world.

"I will not go back to Lahore, as

some people suggest," she went on.

"This affair has reached a stage

when that is impossible. It is not a

question of whether I can or cannot

marry Lieutenant Dewar."

"I have been described as a

'heartless adventuress,'" she said.

"Yet when I was interviewed by the

immigration officials the question

never arose."

"They can apply a dictation test

in any language they like to defeat

a new arrival."

"They tested me in Italian. I

failed—and here I am."

## PLAITS FOR PRINCESSES



Long plaits are still fashionable in Egypt. Princesses Fouza and Faiza, sisters of the King, are probably the reason.

## America May Introduce New Calendar

Thirteen - Month System

Is Recommended to

State Department

Washington, Dec. 21.

A reformation of the calendar is being advocated by the central statistical board, directed by Secretaries Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Henry A. Wallace, Daniel C. Roper and Frances Perkins.

The proposed plan is to divide the year into 13 months of 28 days each, the months to begin on Sunday and end on Saturday regularly. To give longer week-ends, all holidays would fall on Monday. At the end of every year there would be a "year day" or extra holiday to make the right number of days in a year. In leap years a mid-year extra holiday would be added.

The subject of calendar reform first came before the board when it was asked by the State Department to make a study of the questions involved and to submit a report which could be used in formulating the policy of the U. S. Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS DRAWN UP

The board has been studying the plan for more than a year and now has a definite report to make to the State Department. The report favours the calendar reform.

1—That the United States send representatives to any meeting called by the League of Nations on the subject.

2—That the United States support proposals for the calling of an international convention on calendar reform.

WIDESPREAD SUPPORT CITED

The report cites the "increasing advocacy of calendar reform in this country" and the "widespread support for a special international convention to discuss the matter thoroughly." It explains that the idea is viewed sympathetically by business interests and agencies of the Federal government dealing with statistics.

Other countries, including England, France, Belgium, Germany, Japan, Holland, Italy and Spain, are aligning themselves with the movement.

Those in favour of the reform have suggested that the new calendar begin on Jan. 1, 1939, which falls on Sunday. Under the present calendar this does not occur again until 1950.

—United Press.

## LAST CARTRIDGE SAVES SIX FROM WILD ELEPHANT

Colombo, Dec. 20.

The last cartridge among a party of six government officials in Ceylon saved them when they were charged by an elephant in the jungle of the Navvi region.

Assistant Government Agent M. D. de S. Jayaratne and G. de Zoysa, deputy registrar of co-operative societies, had gone to the district with friends to transact business. In the morning they went to see the large herds of deer often encountered in the Navvi plains.

Going along a narrow jungle track, they turned a bend only half a mile from camp and came upon a wild elephant. The beast was about to charge when a Sinhalese chieftain accompanying them brought it down with a single shot.

Recovering from the shock of their narrow escape, the officials were amazed to find that the shot which saved them was fired with the only ball cartridge in the whole party.

—United Press.

## Galli-Curci Back In Opera

New York, Dec. 18.

Enthusiasing a sympathetic audience, but leaving critics uncertain, Madame Galli-Curci, her throat freed of the goitre which had constricted it, returned to the Chicago opera stage as Mimì in "La Bohème."

She received five curtain calls at the end of the first act, and more at the conclusion of the opera, but they were moved by friendship and sympathy more than by the wild enthusiasm which hailed her operatic debut in the same city 20 years ago in "Rigoletto."

Madame Galli-Curci had been upset before the performance, but at the conclusion she danced and sang and pronounced herself "ready to go to any place and do anything" her managers want.

Some critics, however, felt that while the old Galli-Curci had gone a less accomplished artist had taken her place. Mr. Herman Davies, of the Chicago American, who claims to have been the first to hail her greatness in 1916, wrote: "We cannot have been and be—for such a great artist it is sad. I suffer, perhaps, more than she."

Mr. Edward Stinson, of the Daily News, feels: "She had command of neither voice nor breath. Panic seized her and for three hours the public watched one of the pluckiest fights the theatre has ever seen."

Mr. Edward Barry, of the Tribune, believes: "The answer is neither 'yes' nor 'no.' It is 'may be.' He said: 'She used her voice gingerly. There was much of the old magic in the middle register, but above that she seemed to be feeling her way as if she could not believe that the old growth had gone and she was really free at last.'"

ZEPP CARRIES GLIDER

Berlin, Dec. 15.

Zeppelin Hindenburg, leaving for South America next Wednesday, will carry a glider, built for Hans Ott, who will compete in Argentinean—Reuter.

## Marrying Judge Turns Divorce Lawyer

New York, Dec. 20.

JUDGE E. A. FREEMAN, who has married more Hollywood film stars than he can count, is retiring from the marriage business in the film city's Gretna Green—Yuma, Arizona—on January 1.

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### STEP TOWARDS GETTING MONEY

Struck off the Register of Companies in 1924, the Pacific Banking and Exchange Co., Ltd., successfully brought an application to restore its name before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Appearing for the petitioners, Mr. Leo D'Almeida, Jr., who was instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs. Deacons, said the application was to restore the Company's name in the register, it having been struck off for certain reasons in 1924. Although the application was an unusual one, there was no doubt in the circumstances that it was just and equitable that the order should be made. Furthermore, the petition in the affidavit made it perfectly clear that the circumstances of the case would warrant the granting of the application.

The petition showed that there was a certain sum of money to the credit of the Company in a certain bank, and the directors were anxious to get hold of it. But before they could do so they had to restore the name of the Company in the register. The Crown Solicitor and the Registrar had been served in this matter, but they had intimated they would not oppose the petition on the undertaking that the cost for advertising etc. be paid. His Lordship granted the application in the terms of the petition.

## MANILA SHARES

The following quotations have been received by Swan, Culbertson and Fritz from their Manila office after the close of the morning session:

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Atok	.41	.42	
Bague	.23	.24	
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Big Wedge	.31	.32	
Coco Grove	.70	.71	
Consolidated Mines	.03	.0325	
Dayaka	.25	.27	
Demonstration	.70	.71	
East Mindanao	.33	.35	
Gold Creek	.23	.24	
Gumaus Gold	.27	.28	
Itoyon	1.55	1.65	
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Marsman & Co.	109.00	110.00	
Masbate	.37	.38	
Mineral Resources	.38	.39	
Mothee Lode	.12	.14	
Paracale Gold	.26	.27	
Paracale Gumais	.50	.52	
San Marcelino	2.55	2.60	
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It is hereby notified that the water supply in the area immediately north of Prince Edward and Sai Kung Roads and east of Nathan Road will be disconnected for six hours from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd instant. The locality affected will include the whole of Kowloon Tong, and Kowloon City.

During this period, pressure in the Ho Mun Tin District will be reduced.

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## RUSSIANS PROMISE REPRISALS

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PEOPLE ARE  
INDIGNANT

(Special To "Telegraph")

Moscow, Dec. 21. Protest mass meetings throughout the country have been held, following the Government's action in accusing Spanish rebels of the sinking of the Soviet steamer, Komsomol.

The workers passed resolutions threatening reprisals against the Spanish rebels, and demanding "immediate and decisive action against the Fascist pirates."

The crews of numerous Black Sea steamers have issued a protest. "We must improve our military knowledge in order to defend the Fatherland," they add.

"The pirates will answer for the destruction of the Komsomol. Our enemies are warned that Soviet ships, like Soviet people and Soviet territory, are inviolable."—United Press.

## SNATCHER SENT TO GAOL

POLICE INTERPRETER  
ROBBED

A police interpreter, Ho To-tung, was the victim of a pick-pocket yesterday. While standing outside the windows of the Sun Company in Des Voeux Road, he was relieved of a fountain-pen which he kept in the inside pocket of his jacket. A man named Kong Shin, aged 28, was arrested for the theft and brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny from a person. Defendant denied the charge.

Wong Ming, the district watchman who arrested defendant, stated that he had been keeping an eye on defendant, who was mingling with the crowd near the Sun Company. When defendant saw him, he dropped a fountain-pen and began running. Witness gave chase and arrested him.

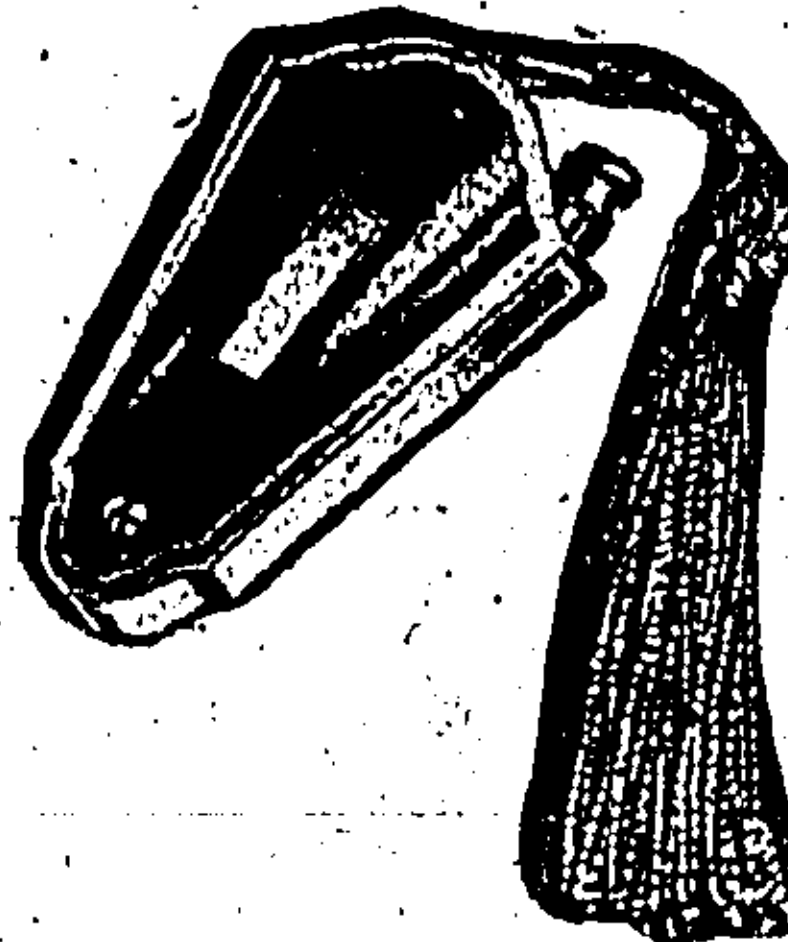
Sgt. Orem stated that defendant had no previous convictions but he had been suspected by the police for many petty thefts. Defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

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## DAY BY DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

LIFE IS NOT VICTORY BUT BATTLE.  
Russett D. Hitchcock.

A Chinese woman was found unconscious at the junction of Des Voeux Road and Pedder Street yesterday and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

A man named Tam Luk-chuen, of Castle Peak, suddenly collapsed while he was walking in Fok Wah Street, Kowloon yesterday. He was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital and died soon after admission.

A gang of 10 men, armed with bamboo poles, broke into a matchbox occupied by Leung Tai, aged 51, married woman, at Ping Kong village, about 11 p.m. yesterday, and ransacked the place, decamping over the hills with money and clothing.

Messrs. Mamak & Co. have distributed an attractive calendar with reproduction of a painting by Geo. S. Dixon. The usual office calendar presented by this firm will be sent out early in the New Year, and will bear a photograph of H. M. King George VI.

A fish dealer, Chan Fong, aged 20, was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of having damaged a sum of \$50 from Cheung Yee, a shop-fold, with menaces yesterday. Det-Sergeant Bentley asked for a 48 hours' remand, which was granted.

A 25-year-old hawk, Li Tuen, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning charged with having maliciously wounded Cheung Yee yesterday. Det-Sergeant Bentley prosecuted and his request for a 48 hours' remand was granted. Complainant is in hospital.

Appearing on remand before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning, a 20-year-old unemployed man, named Chan Ngan-wong, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane for snatching a bag from a Japanese lady in Upper Albert Road on Sunday. Defendant was convicted in June of this year for a similar offence.

A farmer from the New Territories, Chui Yau, aged 37, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with cruelty to six chickens by crowding them together in a small basket. Inspector M. Hourihan said defendant was arrested at the Cheung Chau Ferry Wharf. The chickens were not harmed. In imposing a fine of \$5 on defendant, his Worship advised him to use two baskets the next time he carried six chickens.

A 17-year-old youth, named Leung Lum-chee, of 3 Mui Hing Street, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday with injuries received when he attempted to jump off a moving train in Queen's Road East. An unknown Chinese male, about 33, was knocked down by a tramcar in Johnston Road, Wanchai, last evening. The man attempted to cross the road in front of the oncoming tram. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment to injuries received.

An old woman named Tung Cheun, of 4 Centre Street, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries received when she accidentally fell in her home.

Wong Cheun, aged 28, of 17 Jordan Road, fell off his bicycle in Talpo Road yesterday when it skidded and received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

A woman, Leung Hoi-lo, was taken to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of immersion. She attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the seawall at Shaukiu, but was rescued by boat people nearby.

On Sunday, a party of Diocesan Boys' School boys, led by the Headmaster, sang Christmas Carols in various parts of Kowloon. As a result, \$45 was collected, which has been sent to the Society for Protection of Children.

Lam Yung, 50 widow, was remanded for one week when she was charged before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with the uttering and possession of a forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation note, at Shanghai Street on December 20.

The Health and Strength League Christmas carnival ball is to be held at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday, December 24, at 8.30 p.m. There will be two special novelty turns. By courtesy of Capt. J. C. Leach, M.V.O., R.N., and Officers, the dance band of H.M.S. Cumberland will be in attendance.

An unusual accident occurred in a Kowloon bus yesterday. A man stood up from his seat while the bus was in motion to re-arrange some parcels, and fell against the window. The window broke and the man received severe injuries to the head and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment. His name is Chan Tui-ching of Kan Ying Fong Road, Kowloon.

A coolie employed at Talkoo Dockyard, Lun Kau, aged 28, was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the theft of 13 lbs. of brass piping and a brass door knob from the Dockyard. Crown-Sergeant Dan-browley said the brass was found tied around defendant's legs, and appeared to have been taken off some ship. There were two previous convictions against defendant. Sentence of three months' hard labour was inflicted. Mr. Bird, of the Dockyard, was the complainant.

A young unemployed man was heavily punished for snatching a purse from a married woman of Mr. Hilmsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. Sub-Inspector Rogers said that defendant, Tsang Loi, 20, approached the woman, Hung Shing-ying, 26, from behind as she was marking at Mongkok Market on December 21, and snatched a leather purse containing \$3.15 from her hand. He was chased and arrested by a passer-by. Sentence of four months' hard labour and four strokes of the cane was passed.

## RAILWAY DISASTER

Capetown, Dec. 21. Eight persons are dead and 35 injured, many gravely, in the derailment of a crowded train bound from Elizabeth to Capetown, near Oudshoorn.—Reuter.

## COAL MINE TRAGEDY

Calcutta, Dec. 21. The death list in the Palah coal-mine disaster near here has now reached 208.—United Press.

## FAIR WEATHER

The anticyclone remains over China and pressure changes are generally slight. Local forecast—N. E. winds, fresh; fair.

The Committee and members of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will express their thanks to all those who in any way assisted in the selling of flags during their recent, successful Flag Day.

## POST OFFICE.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 25th December and Saturday the 26th December the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of Registered correspondence at 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

### INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Fernhill	December 22.
London date, 30th Nov.	Alipora	December 23.
Japan	Kwangtung	December 23.
Shanghai and Swatow		
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 26th Nov. and London Parcels—London, 10th Nov.	Ranpura	December 24.
Japan	Amara	December 25.
Straits	Bangalore	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Consoin	December 25.

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Tuesday	Date and Time.
Samshul and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues., Dec. 22, 4 p.m.	
Bangkok	Arden	Tues., Dec. 22, 4.30 p.m.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only).	Empress of Asia	Tues., Dec. 22.	
Due Vancouver B.C., 9th January and Europe via Siberia	Parcels	Dec. 22, 4.00 p.m.	
Al Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foo-chow and North China (via Shanghai).	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5.00 p.m.	
	Letters.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.	
	C.N.A.C. plane	Tues., Dec. 22.	
	Shanghai P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	
	Letters.	Dec. 22, 7 p.m.	
	G.P.O.		
	Reg.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	
	Letters.	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.	
Kowloon P.O.			
Reg. .... Dec. 22, 5 p.m.			
Letters. .... Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.			
Manila	Fernhill	Tues., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.	
	Wednesday		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru		
		Wed., Dec. 23, 5.30 a.m.	
Foochow via Swatow	Nanchang	Wed., Dec. 23, 5.30 a.m.	
Swatow	Selatan	Wed., Dec. 23, 5 p.m.	
Amoy	Taiyuan	Wed., Dec. 23, 5.30 p.m.	
	*Superscribed correspondence only.		



## FOREIGN CAPITAL MENACE

U.S. GUARD AGAINST CREDIT INFLATION  
NO EXCESS OF RESERVES

Washington, Dec. 21. A far-reaching programme to prevent the importation of foreign capital from disturbing the United States' domestic economy, has been adopted by the United States Treasury Department. It is officially announced that gold purchases will be sterilised in an inactive account so that they cannot be used as a basis for credit inflation in the United States. Gold imports and acquisitions of domestic gold will be financed through the sale of Treasury bills, thus preventing the influx of gold from increasing the excess of bank reserves, which at present have reached the total of \$2,050,000,000 in consequence of the steady influx of foreign capital in recent months. Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of the Treasury, has announced that the programme will be instituted within the next few days.—*Reuter*.

## DISTURBING EFFECTS

Washington, Dec. 21. The Treasury's programme aims at offsetting the disturbing effects both of the inflow and outflow of capital. When gold enters the country, the Treasury, through a sale of bills, will remove from the money market an amount equal to that coming in. When gold leaves the country, the bills will be retired, thus returning the funds to the money market.—*Reuter*.

## MAIL PLANE CRASHES

Spokane, Dec. 21. The North-west Airlines mail plane, piloted by Joe Livermore, with co-pilot Arthur Hinde, crashed 12 miles south-east of Kellogg, Idaho, last Friday. It is learned, and it is believed both men were killed.—*United Press*.

## NO POLICE CLEARANCE JAPANESE CAPTAIN FINED

Captain Hibuchi, of the N.K.K. vessel Lushan Maru, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for carrying passengers from Hongkong to Canton on November 18 without police clearance. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50.

Detective Sergeant Brooks said that on November 17, he had received information from the Harbour Office that the Lushan Maru would leave at 10 a.m. the next day for Canton. At 8.30 a.m. on November 18, he boarded the ship with a police party and verified the sailing time.

Sergt. Brooks had half completed his search when there was some delay over the searching of a passenger and the Captain then told him that the ship would not sail until 10 p.m. that day. Informing him that the ship would have to be re-searched and that he could not leave until he had received clearance from the police, the sergeant left. At 1 p.m. that day, the ship sailed.

Imposing the fine, His Worship remarked that by leaving without a police search, the Captain was laying open the passengers and himself to piracy.

## MINISTERS GOING ON HOLIDAY

## MR. CHAMBERLAIN OUT OF HOSPITAL

London, Dec. 21. The Foreign Secretary is leaving London to-morrow for Yorkshire, where he will spend the Christmas and New Year. During this time, Mr. Eden will be in continuous touch with the affairs of his department.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, the only Minister who is going abroad for the holidays, to-day left the nursing home, where he has been for a minor operation, and hopes to travel to France within the next few days.—*British Wireless*.

## CONSUL-GENERAL PROMOTED

SERVICE CHANGES IN CHINA  
SIR J. BRENNAN GOING "HOME"



Sir John Brennan

London, Dec. 21. Sir John Brennan, British Consul-General at Shanghai, will take over next year the post at the Foreign Office held by Mr. John Pratt, who is retiring.

Mr. Herbert Phillips, Consul-General at Canton, will succeed Sir John.

Mr. A. P. Blunt, Consul-General at Manila, will be transferred to Canton. Mr. W. P. W. Turner, Consul-General at Yunnanfu will succeed Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Stark Toller, Consul at Tengyueh, will take Mr. Turner's post.—*Reuter*.

## TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory reports that the typhoon is in about Long 110, Lat. 7, moving W.N.W.

## THREE SHOPS VICTIMISED

## GOODS SECURED BY FALSE PRETENCES

Three charges of obtaining goods by false pretences were brought against Yu Lam, aged 29, unemployed, when he appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning. The first charge was of \$12.93 in respect of the Kwong Shun shop, No. 68 Des Voeux Road West on Dec. 4; the second count was in respect of \$13.50 from the Tai Cheung shop, No. 28 Ko Shing Street, second floor, on Dec. 12; and the third charge was in respect of \$18 from the Hoi Hing Cheung shop, No. 141 Wing Lok Street, on December 14.

Defendant pleaded guilty and said he obtained the goods as he had no money to buy food.

Detective Sub-Inspector A. J. Johnson said that, in the first two instances, defendant obtained the goods by telephoning the respective shops, but, in the third case, he went to the shop himself. Defendant was arrested when he was unable to pay for the goods.

His Worship remanded defendant for 48 hours in police custody to enable him to raise \$45 to repay the complainants.

## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

**Banks.**  
H. K. \$1,820 b.  
H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), \$108 1/2.  
Chartered Bank, \$15 1/4 n.  
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. \$23 1/4 n.  
Mercantile Bank, C. \$14 1/4 n.  
East Asia Bank, \$83 n.  
**Insurance.**  
Canton Ins., \$300 n.  
Union Ins., \$612 1/2 b.  
China Underwriters, \$1,000 n.  
H. K. Fire, Ins., \$300 n.  
Internat'l Assce., Sh. \$3 1/4 n.  
**Shipping.**  
Douglas, \$30 n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$7.40 n.  
Indo-China (Prof.), \$35 n.  
Indo-China (Def.), \$35 n.  
Shell (Bearer), 124 1/4 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$10 1/4 n.  
**Docks etc.**  
H. K. Wharves (old), \$106 n.  
H. K. & W. Docks, \$13 1/4 n.  
Providents (old), \$1.50 n.  
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.  
Now Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.  
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 n.  
**Mining.**  
Kailan Mining Ad., 14/8 n.  
Raub, \$18.10 b.  
Venz: Goldfield \$8 b.  
**Philippine Mining.**  
Antamoks, P. 1.85 X. Rts. & Div.  
Atoks, P. 41 1/2  
Banguit Gold, P. 23 1/2  
Balatoc Min., P. 14  
Benguet Consol., P. 14  
Benguet Expl., P. 16 X. Div.  
Big Wedges, P. 31  
Consolidated Mines, P. .03 1/4  
Demonstrations, P. .71  
Ipo Gold, P. 26  
I. X. L., P. 1.70  
Itogons, \$2.52 sa.  
Masbate Cons., P. 38 1/2  
Northern Min., P. 16  
Paracale Gumaus, P. .51  
Salacot Min., P. .05 1/4  
San Maurice, \$4.20 sa.  
Suyoc Consols, P. .30 1/2  
United Paracale, P. 1.35  
**Lands, Hotels, etc.**  
H. and S. Hotels, \$5.45 b.  
H. K. Lands, \$33 b. and sa.  
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.  
\$105 n.  
Shai Lands, Sh. \$13 n.  
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.  
Humphries, 99 1/4 n.  
H. K. Realities, \$4.50 n.  
Chinese Estates, \$78 n.  
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.  
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.  
**Public Utilities.**  
H. K. Tramways, \$12.25 b.  
Peak Trams, (old), \$6 1/4 n.  
Peak Trams, (new), \$2 1/4 n.  
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 b.  
Yau-matui Ferries (old), \$25 n.  
China Lights, \$12.00 b. Ex. D.  
China Lights, (new), \$10.15 n.  
Ex. D.  
H. K. Electric, \$54 b.  
Macao Electric, \$20 n.  
Sandalan Lights, \$10 n.  
Telephone (old), \$28 1/2 b. and sa.  
Telephone (new), \$10 n.  
China Buses, Sh. \$11 1/4 n.  
Singapore Traction, 27/- n.  
Singapore Prof., 27/- n.  
**Industrial.**  
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19 1/4 n.  
Cald: Macg. (Prof.), Sh. \$15 n.  
Canton Ice, \$2.05 n.  
Cement, \$10.25 b.  
H. K. Ropes, \$2.50 n.  
**Stores, &c.**  
Dairy Farm, \$20 1/2 b.  
Watson, \$4.35 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$6 1/4 n.  
Sinceres, \$3 n.  
Wing-On (H.K.), \$50 n.  
**Cotton Mills.**  
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$14.10 n.  
Shai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 b.  
Shai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 b.  
Zoong Sing, \$26 n.  
Wing-On Textiles, Sh. \$36 n.  
**Miscellaneous.**  
H. K. Entertainment, \$3 b.  
Constructions (old), \$12 n.  
Constructions (new), \$2 1/2 cts. n.  
Vibro Piling, \$5.50 n.  
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G&Bda 93 1/2 n.  
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm b.  
H. K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 8% prm b.  
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## MARKET IRREGULAR YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 21. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets:—The market today was irregularly lower and quiet. Leading industrial issues declined; special and non-ferrous metal issues advanced; railroad stocks steadied on short covering and then declined, but some issues gained slightly. Utility securities were mixed; mercantile shares were lower; motor stocks were weak and chemical shares declined widely. With the exception of labour difficulties and railroad freight rates, there is little in the news to affect the market. The bonds market was irregularly lower. Stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregular.

S. C. & F. New York Street Journal morning comment:—The Street believes that railroad freight rates will be increased in January, but they will not be enough to offset the loss of emergency rates. Some professional traders are now bearish. Wall Street is wondering if the higher foreign copper prices will advance the domestic price above 11 cents. Bears suggest that the Interstate Commerce Commission's surcharge decision will result in fewer new equipment orders.

S. C. & F. New York office cables:—Stocks: Securities were again in moderate supply, but the undertone remains firm. A further period of irregularity is indicated. Lead prices to-day advanced by 40 points to 6 cents per lb. The Times Business Index for the past week is 100.8, against the revised figure of 100.3 for the previous week and 94.4 during the corresponding period of last year. Cotton: The threatened Lancashire mill strike has been averted. Ginnings up to December 12 amounted to 1,704,000 bales. There was some light trading and liquidation on a thin and quiet market. Sentiment is bullish, but we doubt if there will be any material advance in prices at present.

Wheat: The Government estimates the acreage of winter wheat at 57,000,000 acres, an increase of 18 per cent; the condition of the crop is estimated at 75.8 per cent. of normal, a decrease of 2.4 per cent. This report is construed as bearish. While a technical correction is still believed to be justified owing to the present prices, a permanently lower market is improbable with the present world's outlook. We would, however, confine purchases to reactions. The visible supply for the past week has decreased by 1,082,000 bushels.

Corn: Increasing receipts are not pressing sales. On the other hand, the tight December position is a strengthening factor. The visible supply for the past week shows an increase of 1,500,000 bushels.

Rubber: We hear talks of considerably higher prices, but a technical reaction is possible and caution is advisable on upturns. The English stocks of rubber have declined by 1,271 tons to 80,355 tons.

## REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages:  
Dec. 19. Dec. 21.  
30 Industrials ..... 177.61 175.85  
20 Rails ..... 52.70 51.90  
20 Utilities ..... 34.44 33.83  
40 Bonds ..... 105.35 105.15  
11 Commodity Index 78.39 78.10

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

## LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuter.

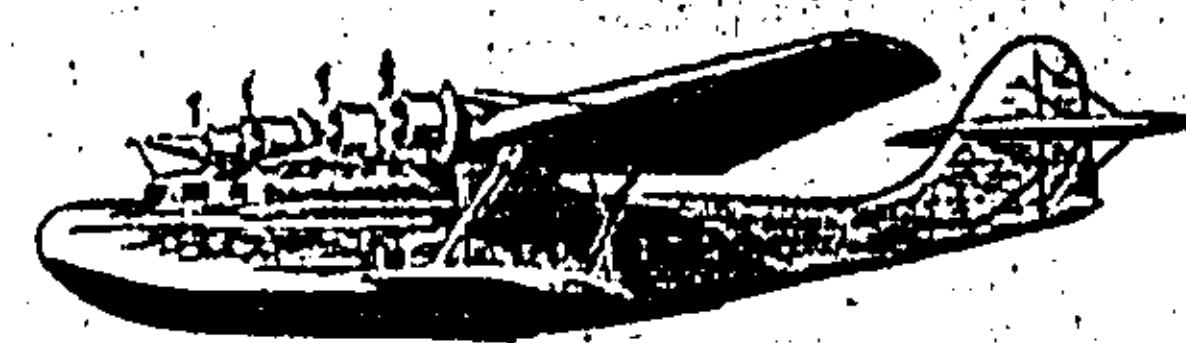
**New York Cotton**  
January ..... 12.20/20 12.14/14  
March ..... 12.21/22 12.18/19  
May ..... 12.12/14 12.07/07  
July ..... 12.01/02 11.98/98  
October ..... 11.60/68 11.64/64  
Spot ..... 12.61 12.78

**New York Rubber**  
Dec. .... 20.33 nom. mutilated  
March ..... 20.41b/43a 20.35/33  
May ..... 20.32b/37a 22.22b/24a  
July ..... 20.25b/30a 20.20a  
Sept. .... 20.20b/24a 20.13/13  
Total sales:—740 tons.

**Chicago Wheat**  
Dec. .... 138 1/2/138 1/2 138 1/2/138 1/2  
May ..... 132 1/2/132 1/2 132 1/2/132 1/2  
July ..... 117 1/2/118 117 1/2/117 1/2  
Saturday's sales:—40,003,000 bushels.

**Chicago Corn**  
Dec. .... 108 1/2/109 109 1/2/109 1/2  
May ..... 103 1/2/103 1/2 103 1/2/103 1/2  
July ..... 99 1/2/100 99 1/2/100

**Chicago Corn**  
New Contract New Contract  
Opening Opening  
May ..... 104 1/2/104 1/2 105 1/2/105 1/2  
July ..... 101 1/2/101 1/2 101 1/2/101 1/2  
**Winnipeg Wheat**  
Dec. .... 125 1/2/125 1/2 124 1/2/124 1/2  
May ..... 124 1/2/124 1/2 124 1/2/124 1/2



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Genoa	21.30	21.30	Hongkong	1/2.29/32	1/2.29/32
Berlin	12.20 1/2	12.20 1/2	Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Athens	550	550	Montreal	4.90 1/2	4.90 1/2
Milan	83 1/2	83 1/2	Brussels	20.03	20.03 1/2
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40	Yokohama	1/2	1/1.03/64
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2	Belgrade	213	213
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2	Monte Video	30 1/2	30 1/2
New York	4.01	4.01	Rio	4 1/2	4 1/2
Amsterdam	8.90 1/2	8.90 1/2	Bucharest	670	670
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2	Silver (forward) 21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Prague	139 1/2	139 1/2	Silver (spot) 21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
			War Loan	105 1/2	105 1/2

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## WEDDING GALA FOR A DUKE

### Arundel Plans Public Presentation

### Town's Rejoicings at Engagement

By F. G. PRINCE-WHITE

ARUNDEL, Sussex, Dec. 18.

ARUNDEL folk are gazing with a new interest at the grey towers of the Duke of Norfolk's castle here: already they are picturing the scene of jubilation when the young Hereditary Earl Marshal of England and Chief Butler to the King brings home his bride-to-be, the Hon. Lavinia Mary Strutt, aged 20, Lord Belper's only daughter.

All of them are delighted by the announcement of the engagement. It was unexpected news, for not even officials who most enjoy the duke's confidence had an inkling of it before he telephoned to his agent, Capt. Mostyn, here yesterday and directed him to inform the mayor and deputy-mayor.

"We received a confidential note in which the duke expressed his wish that we should know of his engagement before it was made public," the mayor, Councillor Arthur Greaves, told me to-day.

"Nothing could make the town happier than to see him happily married."

### A TOWN BANQUET

The duke, who is 28, was Mayor of Arundel for the past municipal year. He made no mention at the traditional dinner given here to him on November 9 of his intention to marry.

Councillor Greaves was mayor in 1929, when Arundel celebrated the duke's coming-of-age. Now it will fall to him again to lead the town in rejoicing on the duke's wedding day.

"I have told the duke, in a letter of congratulation from the town, that we shall give a great welcome to his bride," he said to me.

Preparations for the home-coming were tentatively discussed at a meeting here to-night of the committee presided over by the mayor which is organising the local Coronation celebrations.

### WEDDING GIFT FUND

The town will be hung with flags and bunting, as it was at the duke's coming-of-age, and it is thought that there will be a great banquet in the ancient Barons' Hall at Arundel Castle, in whose lofty windows the duke's ancestors and stirring scenes in his family's history are portrayed.

No intimation has yet been received of the date of the wedding. The general opinion is that it will be at Westminster Cathedral.

I understand that there will be a public subscription for a wedding presentation. To mark his coming-of-age Arundel gave the duke a gold cigarette case, which was presented to him in the town square. It is hoped that it may be possible to present the town's wedding gift in a similarly public manner.

### "Snowed Under"

The Duke of Norfolk spent the day in London yesterday, attending to important details of his Coronation work as Earl Marshal. During the afternoon Miss Strutt travelled from the country to be with him.

"They have been snowed under with messages of good will," said the duke's secretary to a London reporter last night.

Miss Strutt had been staying with her mother, the former Lady Belper, now the Countess of Rosebery, at Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard.

She has for some time been a close friend of the duke's sisters, Lady Katherine, Lady Winifred, and Lady Rachel Howard.

A public engagement at which the duke may appear with his fiancée will be to-morrow's charity concert at Norfolk House in aid of the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

His mother, the Duchess of Norfolk, will be the hostess, and she is giving a private dinner party beforehand.

The probability of Miss Strutt's embracing the Roman Catholic faith, to which the duke's family has for centuries been attached, will be discussed by both families in the immediate future.

If she decides to do so she will be required to take "instruction" lasting some weeks before receiving baptism, making her first confession, receiving her first Holy Communion, and being confirmed in the Faith.

### A New Prayer Book

Liverpool, Dec. 15. A campaign within the Church of England to obtain a revised Prayer Book will be launched at a public meeting in Liverpool on Wednesday by Dr. Pollock, Bishop of Norwich.

The National Church League is directing the campaign, and Liverpool has been chosen as the jumping-off ground because of the prominent part played by the city in the controversy nine years ago which ended in the House of Commons rejecting the first version of a revised Prayer Book.

Leaders of the new campaign aim at a modernised and simplified version of the Prayer Book, omitting one of two controversial portions.

Canon A. G. Bernard, of Anfield, chairman of the Liverpool Truth and Faith Committee, said to-night that their object was to enrich the Prayer Book.

"Although we are very frank nowadays, most people will admit that there are passages that are crude and distasteful—parts of the marriage service, for instance. It might be decided to take out the word 'obey.'"



Vittorio, Mussolini's eldest son, has received his father's permission to go into films. After completing studies at Hollywood, he will enter a position in the Italian film administration.

### Coronation Will Be Televised

By A Radio Correspondent

All difficulties in the way of televising and broadcasting the Coronation have now been overcome, and I understand that the B.B.C. is shortly to issue to the radio authorities of the world an invitation to relay the broadcast free of charge.

It will be the biggest broadcast ever made. Scores of microphones are to be used along the routes and in Westminster Abbey.

Television presents a special problem, but this is likely to be solved by the use of a £20,000 van, which is being built for the occasion.

### WILL IT BE FILMED?

The decision about a film of the Coronation will be made by the Coronation Committee of the Privy Council, of which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Lord President, is the chairman.

Some announcement on the whole position is expected fairly soon, in view of the technical difficulties to be overcome if permission is granted to film the ceremony.

### Rats Ended A Civilisation

May Do So Again

Hamilton, N.Y., Dec. 19.

Diseased rats and not a superior race of men exterminated the Neanderthal cave-dwellers, Prof. Harold O. Whitnall, head of the department of geology at Colgate University, said to-day.

Students of pre-historic times generally have agreed that the Neanderthals were exterminated by the Cro-magnons, a superior

race, but Whitnall said that such a sudden extinction of one race by another has never been accomplished.

Whitnall said he believed lemmings, short-tailed rats, carried a disease which killed off the Neanderthals.

"These lemmings were afflicted with a disease similar to the bubonic plague which killed 40,000,000 people in Europe during the middle ages," he said. "Flies left the dead or dying rats, bit the Neanderthals, gave them the plague and the entire race was destroyed.—United Press.



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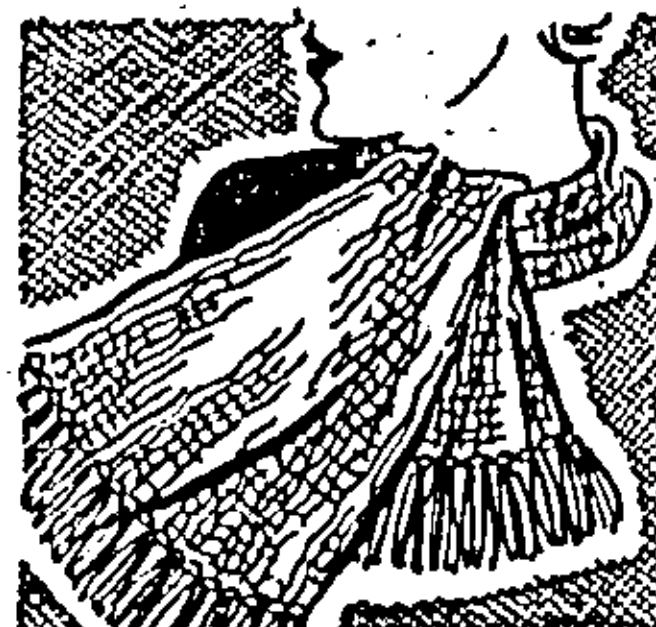
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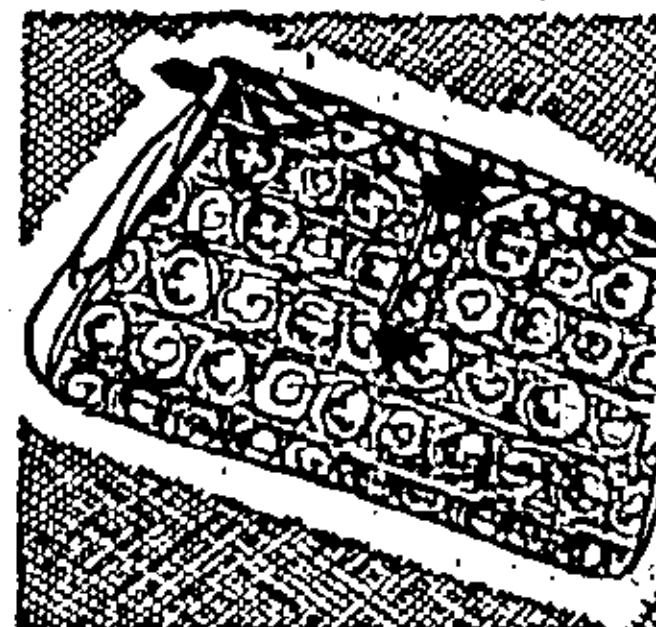
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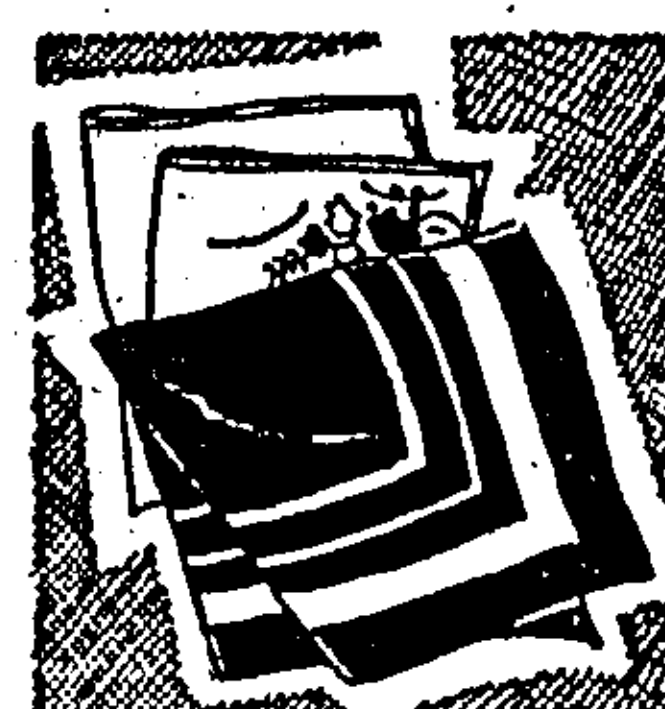
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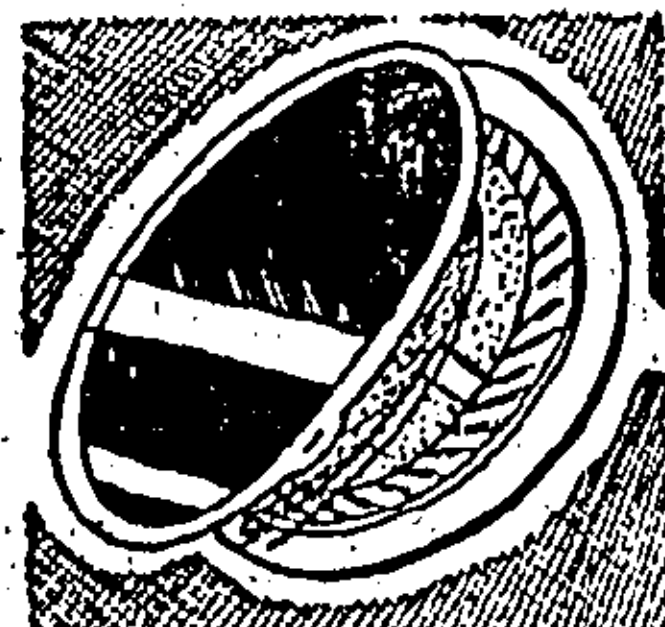
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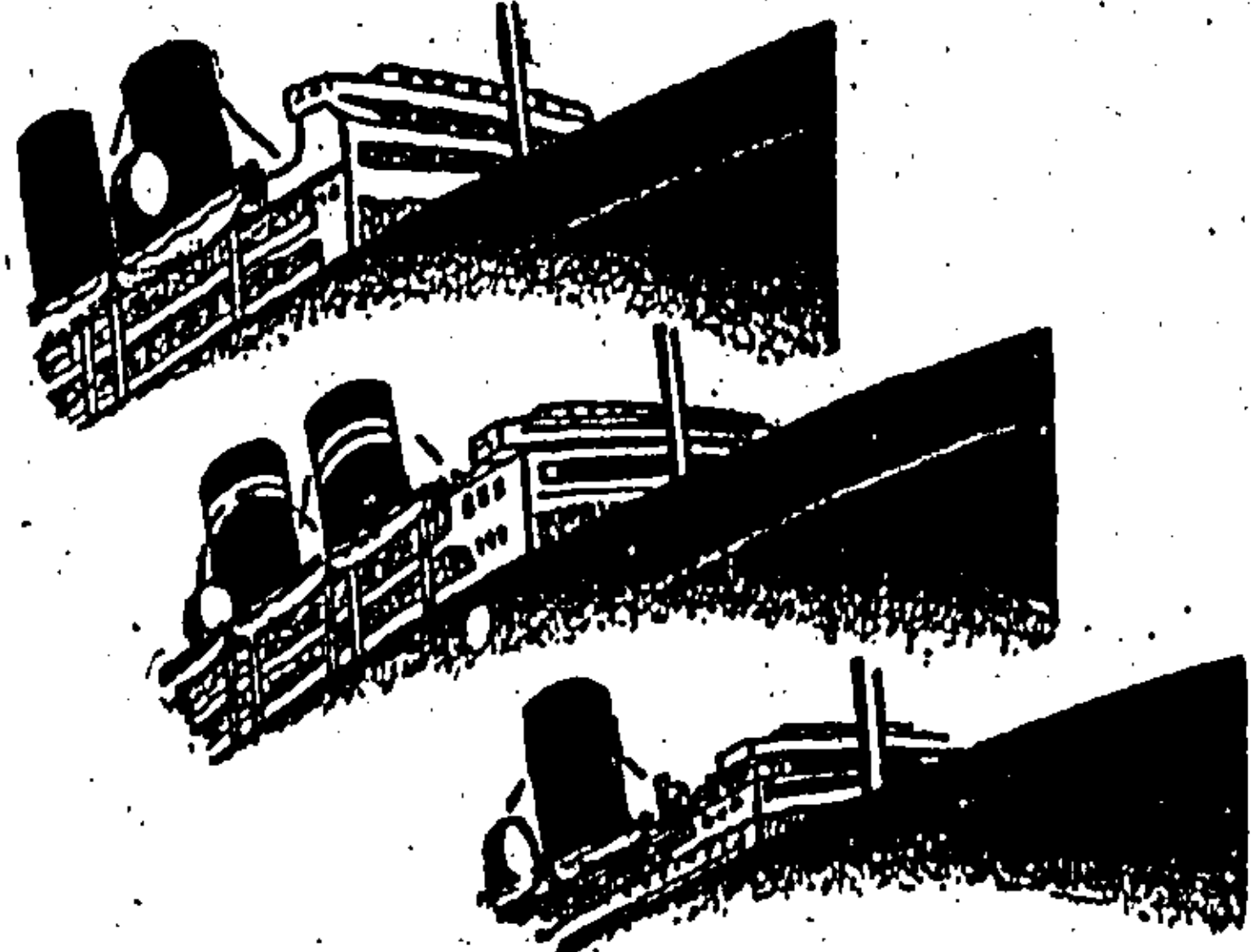


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There were 40 per cent. more cut stones imported into the United States in the first six months of 1936 than for a corresponding period a year earlier.

### GREATEST BUYERS

Americans are at the moment the world's greatest buyers of diamonds. They regard them as a gilt-edged security.

After the Americans come the French. The British are buying more diamonds than they formerly did, but we are still very small buyers comparatively.

There is a great shortage of diamonds in Germany. Only money which has been paid out to buy "essential" (not luxury) articles is permitted by the German Government to leave the country. Therefore if diamonds are sold openly in Germany the seller cannot take his money out of the country. The trade is not worth while.

It is stated that if a buyer went into Germany with half a million pounds' worth of diamonds, he could sell them in a single day. Practically the only stones sold in Germany are those which are smuggled in and the money for them smuggled out. These are not small in quantity, though.

Diamonds are gradually becoming rare. Fewer and fewer of the larger stones are being found. They are gradually becoming more and more valuable.

### POURING IN

In the twenty years between 1910 and 1930 the yield per ton of ore from the great Jagersfontein mine dropped almost 60 per cent.

Among those favoured by fate in the diamond situation are the Spanish grandees, whose jewels are now pouring into the London and Paris markets.

But by far the most interesting part of the world situation to-day is the fact that the diamond is being put to work.

Only half the diamonds mined are fitted for jewellery. The rest, though just as hard, are discoloured. They are brownish or yellowish.

A certain proportion, but not a large one, of these have always been used in industry.

But of recent years the demand for industrial diamonds has increased by leaps and bounds. The truth of the matter is that industry cannot do without them. If the supply of the cheap discoloured ones failed, manufacturers would have to buy the brilliant diamonds out of jewellers' shops.

### VITAL TO MACHINERY

This situation actually arose during the war on a limited scale. Germany could get no industrial diamonds and they had to take the stones out of women's rings to make their guns.

To-day diamonds are used everywhere to true up the very hard carbide wheels which grind into shape every part of modern machinery.

Nothing else will cut the carbide wheels. Without these wheels no modern machinery.

Hardly any one yet realises the extent to which the industry in this country is coming to centre round the diamond.

The motor-car industry could not go on for a minute without diamonds. The tool which grinds the aluminium piston to take a perfect fit with the cylinder is pointed with a diamond.

The Ford Motor Company in America has a thousand of them in constant use.

The precision cutting of steel, a vital factor in every machine of this machine age, can now be done at about a tenth of the former cost. This has come about because very hard alloys have been discovered to make the cutting tools.

Neither guns nor airplanes could be made without diamonds. All the wonderful accuracy and efficiency of machinery of which the modern world boasts is achieved only through these stones.

Even bread depends on them. The rollers which roll out the flour are ground into shape with a wheel true up by a diamond. As a result of all this the price of the best class of industrial diamonds has doubled.

### WORLD SHORTAGE

A few years ago, the sales of the Diamond Corporation were crammed with useless discoloured "industrial diamonds." They were looked upon in the light of a white elephant.

Since then the whole situation has changed. The "valueless" stones have been sold off gradually for millions of pounds. Sold off to such an extent that there is a world shortage.

That is one of the least expected strokes of luck the Corporation has had.

One of the biggest British firms of industrial diamond distributors sold 3,000,000 stones last year.

And who dominates the world's supply? The name of the man is Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, the head of the Diamond Corporation, who lives in Johannesburg.

### WOMAN, 118, LIVES UNDER 4 FLAGS,

SPANISH, MEXICAN, TEXAS AND U.S.

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 20.—"Hard work—and plenty of it," is Mrs. Anacleto Carmargo's formula for longevity.

Mrs. Carmargo, born 118 years ago in Old Mexico, lives in an adobe hut in southern New Mexico with her youngest son, a "lad" of 70. She calls him "mi hijo"—"my little boy."

She chops wood, does washing and other household chores and can thread a needle, despite her advanced age.

"I am happy to live as long as I can work," she says. "When I am unable to get around, I'll be willing to die. Not before."

She has lived under four flags—Spanish, Mexican, Texas Republic and United States—and has seen more than 100 years of Southwestern border history made.—United Press.

## Widow In Tears As Husband Is Buried With Second "Wife"

Horbury, Yorkshire, Dec. 15.

THE bodies of Jack Hodgson, a young Midgeley bricklayer, and of the girl of 26 who was believed to be his wife, were buried in the same grave here to-day. They were killed together in a motor accident.

Hodgson's legal wife—the woman whose dramatic evidence at the inquest on the dead man revealed that they were married in 1920 and that not having seen him for 12 years she had assumed him dead and had married again—was at the graveside.

### Museum Flies Will

Be Safe

Nine spiders' webs, ingeniously mounted between sheets of glass and made visible by baby powder and a black background, form a new and interesting exhibit at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

Leaning on the arm of the man she had believed was her husband—Mr. W. Bruce, of Craven-street, Middles-

brough—the woman sobbed bitterly between sheets of glass and lowered into the grave. Near her were relatives of May Bowers, the pretty young weaver whom Hodgson "married" 13 weeks ago and who was killed with him.

Her coffin was carried to the grave by girls from the mill in which she had worked. Hodgson's coffin was first lowered into the grave and was followed by that of the girl.

"Mr. Bruce and I will be married as soon as matters are cleared up," the real Mrs. Hodgson said to-day.

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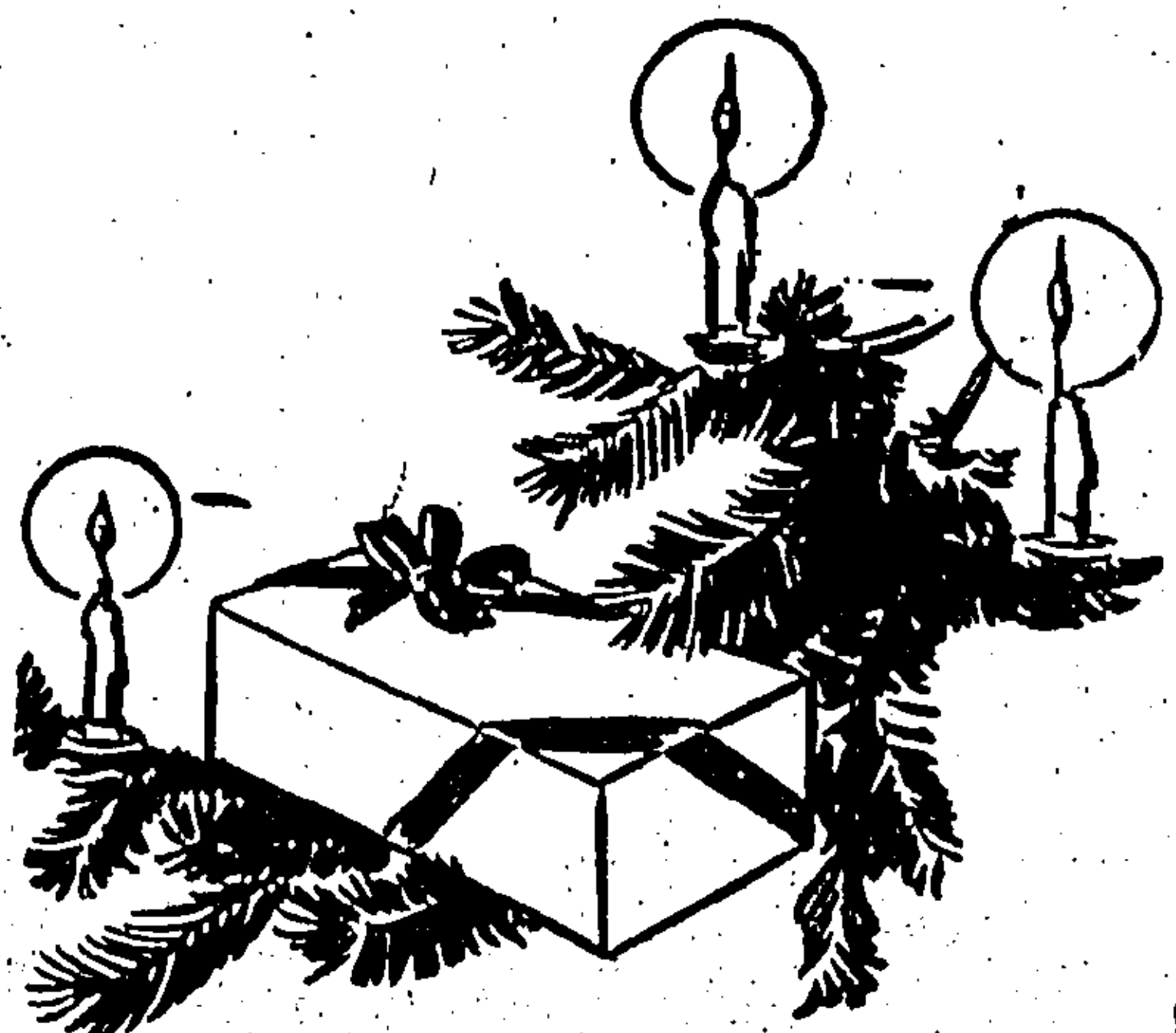
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### DEATH.

BARLOW.—B. D. G. Barlow, of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation at Dalen. Accidentally killed while out shooting on 20th December.

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1936.

### WORLD TRADE OUTLOOK

There is evidence on all hands that Britain is definitely emerging from the long years of trade depression. It is also shown, by statistics issued by the International Labour Office, that the current year has almost everywhere witnessed improved industrial production as compared with 1935, but this has not been so marked as in the case of Britain. Unemployment is being slowly reduced in most countries, but not to the same extent as the recovery in industrial output. Greater internal industrial production is, of course, one thing, and world trade another. Britain is vitally concerned in foreign trade, and it is therefore regrettable that world commerce as a whole has not yet shown a general tendency to recover. As it had dropped about one-third, it has a long climb if ever it is to regain its former position. Without question, the policy of national self-sufficiency now enforced by so many countries is one of the biggest factors in preventing international trade expansion. The consequence is that we cannot hope for any marked growth until there is a generally-adopted revision of economic policy. Something is, however, being done by the conclusion of trade agreements as occasion arises, in which connection the British plan of entering into new trade relationships with as many countries as possible is undoubtedly proving beneficial. The great need of the times—a need which is daily becoming more evident—is the removal of those hampering restrictions which stop the normal flow of commerce. Britain is particularly anxious that this question

# Give 'em the B I R D

Playgoers  
are too  
polite, says

## THIS WRITER

**B**IGGEST amateur theatrical season for several years is under way in Hongkong.

Philharmonic have just completed "Maid of the Mountains" season, may produce again in the Spring. European Y.M.C.A. Pantomime starts to-day, and A.D.C. is casting about for a new play.

There is, and a very simple one. Let the audience merely have the courage to express its anger as loudly as it now expresses its pleasure, and there will soon come a change. It is the dreadful veneer of lower middle-class politeness that has done the mischief.

**I** SHALL be told (by fools, it is true, but I shall be told it) that a violent expression of boredom or disapproval should not be allowed to interfere with the pleasure of those who like the play. To which I reply that a violent expression of approval is always allowed to interfere with the displeasure of those who detest the play. What of my feelings when that ripple of idiotic clapping greets the rhetoric or sentimental banterdash? It was not thus in the old days when they had to ring down the curtain to protect the wretched performers from flying

bottles, copper coins, fruit and waistcoats. It was not thus in Barcelona, where a little black wasp of a gipsy woman was hauled across the orchestra-pit and thrown out by the main exit. It was not thus in Bordeaux ten years ago, when the audience preferred its own songs to those on the stage, and sang them in a great thundering chorus. A very merry time a critic would have had on those occasions, with his dirty talk of courtesy, fair play, toleration, and all the rest of it. I will warrant the poor little beast would have scented off like a rat, leaving his stiff shirt behind him.

**T**HE average Englishman, when he pays through the nose for a seat at a play, has an idea that he is in some way the guest of the management; that he is in a large private house, and has been honoured by an invitation. Could he but see

the rapacious faces in the booking office or hear the sales-talk in the upper offices of the building, he would be less inclined to lend the silence of acquiescence to a fifth-rate piece of work.

And mark this. If the audience once began to wake out of its torpor and assert itself, the critics would have to change their tune. It would be no good condoning rubbish after what the French call a brouhaha and a tohu-bohu in the auditorium. There would be a healthier standard of criticism, and producers would realise that they were no longer dealing with sheep.

It is the first step that counts. I who write these winged words have more than once started a minor brawl by ironical laughter or loud protest. After a prim silence other voices have supported mine. Many, given a lead, have been glad to use their critical faculties instead of sitting like stuffed chimpanzees. If you could once get into people's heads the idea that, having paid their money, they are entitled to object to inferior entertainment, the theatre would become healthier, because they would have to take notice of a real audience—audience which will no longer be content to give tacit consent to the fashionable hysteria of a score of people who could, with advantage to all honest men, be replaced by mechanical figures.

J. B. M.

# AMATEUR ACTING

## Words in Season to the Beginner

By GERARD FAY  
Final Article

dramatic art, both in writing and acting. Surveying the field of comedy from the seventeenth century to the present day, it is early to see justification for this belief. The definite reaction to comedy gives the actor a strong sense of power over his watchers, and induces a feeling of self-confidence which makes his work much easier. In comedy, too, speed is essential, though the pace can be a little slower than in farce. In farce, you can generally allow the audience to laugh just as long as it wants to, but in comedy, where the plot is often of more importance, the audience should be kept well under control so that the sequence of the play will not be spoilt.

There is a big temptation to get the very last possible laugh out of an audience, but it is one that should be resisted. A subtle point in comedy will never get across if you don't "point" it. Pause, slowing up, and alteration of volume can all be used (together if necessary) to draw attention to a good point. In both farce and comedy all the actors must be extremely careful of laughing at the funny lines, for this entirely dispels the illusion.

### As in Everyday Life

A drama might be defined as a play in which the main appeal lies in a conflict of human ambitions or reactions. The majority of straight plays fall into this category. The situations are generally not far removed from everyday life, and the characters are mostly ordinary people whom the actor can understand, and, therefore, more easily represent. Sincerity and restraint along with a careful study of the character, to be portrayed are important lines of approach in the creation of a part in a straight play. Never make the mistake of saying "this character is really myself transferred to the stage," and trying to play the part through the medium of your own personality. You will merely achieve something which is

neither yourself nor the character you are trying to act. Every part, no matter how small, must be studied until the last possible fragment of theatrical meaning has been extracted from it.

The relations between the actor and spectators is the most fascinating aspect of acting. To feel a power over the audience, an ability to draw its laughter, its tears or its applause, is the fullest reward to an actor for his labours. In order to understand the reactions of numbers of people, it is essential to understand the reactions of individuals, and the actor must try to be broad-minded and sympathetic to all types of men and women.

The first courtesy an actor owes to his audience is that of making himself audible, and (with the co-operation of the producer) making himself visible to the largest possible number of people. An actor cannot expect any sympathy from an audience if it cannot hear him and see him. At the same time, no actor should ponder too much to the audience. The actor owes both to himself and the audience an aim of artistic integrity, and he must never let the play suffer in order to draw the attention of the audience.

### Money's Worth

No play really exists until it has been presented to an audience, and although the aim of amateur acting is self-amusement, the amusement of the audience must be considered as the first duty of all connected with a play. In most cases, the audience puts up the money to enable actors to engage in their favourite pastime, and the least the actor can do is to see that the audience gets its money's worth.

I am aware of many omissions in this series, many points dismissed in a few lines that should have had pages written about them, but I assure my readers that this is not a result of carelessness on my part, or an underestimation of my subject's importance. It is merely an inevitable result of trying to compress a huge range of matter into a small space.

I hope, at any rate, that what I have written has been of assistance to some amateur actors, and I trust that they will not hesitate to ask for more information on any obscure or doubtful points. It is my ambition to play some small part in the present great amateur theatre movement, and I am truly anxious to give any assistance possible to those who do me the compliment of thinking me capable of it.





# Runaway Couple Sentenced At Old Bailey Murder Trial GIRL—EIGHT YEARS: MAN—DEATH

## Plea For "Child Of Gutter" Who Loved Too Well

London, Dec. 10.

**ALBERT STRATFORD**, aged 41, and **Mary Ann Flynn**, aged 20, the girl with whom he ran away, were sentenced at the Old Bailey this month for their part in the death of **Mrs. Ada Fortescue**, of Roseford Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, on August 11.

The jury found Stratford guilty of murder, recommended him to mercy.

Flynn was found not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced to eight years' penal servitude.

The girl did not hear her lover sentenced to death. She was taken below and brought back to hear her own fate.

Mr. Justice Macnaghten, passing sentence on her, said the jury had taken a merciful view of her conduct. There could be no doubt that she was aiding Stratford and but for her assistance it was probable Mrs. Fortescue would not have been killed.

Mrs. Ada Fortescue was found bound and gagged in her basement flat at Roseford Gardens on August 13.

When the case was resumed yesterday, Mr. Marshall Frederick Payne, a film studio employee, said that on August 11 he was looking for a flat or a house in the neighbourhood of Roseford Gardens about 2.30 p.m. As he was walking along he heard a door slam and saw a man come down some steps with an attaché case in one hand and a parcel wrapped in newspaper in the other.

### From Murder House

Mr. J. F. Eastwood, M.P. (defending Stratford). Do you know now which house he came from?—Yes, the house where the murder was committed.

Mr. Eastwood: Had you ever seen that man before?—No, sir, he was a complete stranger.

Have you ever seen that man since?—Yes, yesterday.

Up here?—Outside the court.

Mr. Eastwood then called Kenneth Alec Francis, and a tall man in grey tweed coat came into court.

"Is that the man?" asked Mr. Eastwood.

"Yes," was the reply.

Mr. G. D. Roberts (for the prosecution) put only one question in cross-examination—whether Payne had made a statement to the police in August.

Payne replied that he had.

Inspector Rawlings was then recalled, and Mr. Eastwood asked him:

"The man I called just now—Francis—has he got a criminal record?"

Inspector Rawlings replied, "He has."

Mr. Eastwood: How many convictions has he got?—Seven convictions.

Are any of them for offences involving force or violence?—None whatever.

Are any of them in any way for dishonesty?—Yes.

The girl prisoner, Mary Ann Flynn, then went into the witness box. She said that she was 20 years of age and had known Stratford for exactly three years this month.

Miss Flynn said she had gone with Stratford a couple of weeks after she had got to know him.

Mr. J. C. Jackson, K.C. (for Flynn): Did you get extremely fond of him?—Yes.

Is he the only man you have ever loved?—He is the only man I have ever loved.

With regard to August 11, you heard his story as he gave it in the witness box: Is that story true?—Absolutely.

On August 11 did you commit any act of violence against Mrs. Fortescue?—None whatever.

Asked why she made her statement to the police, Flynn replied:

"It was because I was in love with him. I wanted to shield him and take the blame."

Yesterday he spoke the truth?—Yes.

[Stratford, in evidence, said that he lied up Mrs. Fortescue and took some money from the flat.]

That leaves you now free to tell the truth?—Yes, sir.

Had he stuck to his story, would you have sacrificed yourself for him?—I would willingly.

### Man Took Money

Cross-examined by Mr. Roberts, Flynn said Stratford actually took the money.

Mr. Roberts: Mrs. Fortescue had to be silenced?—That is correct.

Whose idea was that?—Mr. Stratford did that himself.

How did he silence her?—By tying a duster over her mouth.

What did you do?—That was when I became terrified and tried to pull his hands away.

Flynn said that Mrs. Fortescue was not hit in the face. She did not cause any injuries to the woman, neither did she see any done.

Mr. Roberts: I put it to you, Mary Flynn, that this woman was tied up deliberately by you and Stratford together?—She was not.

Flynn added, "I am not guilty."

That concluded the evidence for the defence and Mr. Eastwood addressed the jury on behalf of Stratford.

He said he had had to do a particularly unpleasant thing.

No one liked to suggest that the murder might have been done by

some other named person as he had had to do in this case.

### 'Finished Her Off'

"I do not suggest for a moment," said Mr. Eastwood, "that Francis committed that murder. All I do suggest is this, and there is a vast difference: I suggest there is a chance, a possibility, that when Francis went in on August 11, Mrs. Fortescue was not dead and that he finished her off."

Mr. Roberts began his address for the prosecution by saying to the jury that from Mr. Eastwood's speech they might think that the two people in the dock were pawns in the defence.

"According to the accused couple's statements, before their remarkable defence had been created in someone's brain, they said quite openly to the police that they decided, as they were starving, to rob Mrs. Fortescue."

"Referring to the suggestion that a man named Francis might have 'finished off' Mrs. Fortescue, Mr. Roberts said there was absolutely no evidence of finger prints of Francis. A veiled charge had been put forward against Francis, and part of the evidence for that was that Payne (the first witness yesterday) had seen some one—he did not know whom—coming out of Roseford Gardens."

### 'Coincidence'

By a most remarkable coincidence he had recognised Francis as the man when he saw him outside the court yesterday.

Mr. Jackson, addressing the jury for Flynn, said that she had risked having a word about her neck when she made the statement.

"Never mind her station in life," he said, "there is just as true love among the lower strata of life as there is in the highest society, and I suggest that in that girl you have the very thing which makes love true—that is, sacrifice, the immolation of self on the altar of self-sacrifice."

"Is that not what that girl was doing to save Stratford? She had given up her work for him, and she had starved for him, and when she found she was burden on him, she attempted to commit suicide."

"What was she to do? Was she to betray him to the police? Was she to rush out and give her man up because he was robbing this woman? That is not love."

"Bear all, suffer all, for the object of your love—that, I suggest, that girl, ignorant though she might be, was doing."

"When it came to this court, though Stratford did accept that position and let the girl take the blame at the first, when the statement was put to him, I am glad to say the man no longer shielded himself behind her story."

Mr. Jackson said that Mr. Roberts had cross-examined with all his ability and experience "a poor, ignorant girl, almost a child of the gutter, but he had not broken her down on one lot."

"I suggest," he added, "that Flynn's fault has been loving that man too much. She is surely not going to hang because she has loved too wisely but too well."

Mr. Justice Macnaghten, summing up, dealt with the suggestion of the defence that Francis visited the house of Mrs. Fortescue on the day of her death. He said that evidence of identity based on personal impressions was apt to be fallacious.

You have to assume, he said, "that the (Francis) went into the room of Mrs. Fortescue, found her bound, and for some reason readjusted the knots and tied the sheet on her nose and mouth and caused her almost immediate death."

### Hour Of Death

"Mr. Roberts has described this story as fantastic. If you thought Stratford tied these things round Mrs. Fortescue's mouth, for the purpose of keeping her quiet, in such a way as to stop her breath, it might be sufficient to satisfy you that even if Francis or any one else came into that room at 1.30 they would have found her dead."

The jury, after an absence of an hour and eight minutes, found Stratford guilty of murder, the jury adding a recommendation to mercy.

Flynn was found not guilty of murder, but guilty of manslaughter.

The jury, in recommending Stratford to mercy, felt that the murder was unpremeditated.

On Mr. Justice Macnaghten's direct-



At a dinner recently given in the Polish Embassy in London on the occasion of the visit of Col. Beck, the Polish Foreign minister, many prominent people were among the guests. The picture shows Mr. Anthony Eden sitting between the Countess of Plymouth (at left) and Mme. Beck (at right).

## Americans Most Gullible In Love, Says Lina Cavalleri, Young At 62

Rome, Dec. 20.

Lina Cavalleri, who rose from a flower girl on the streets of Rome to be the toast of Moscow, Paris and New York, believes the American is the most gullible in love "as in everything else, except business." But she admits he is a dynamic force.

In her memoirs being published in Italy, the woman once acclaimed as the world's greatest beauty has much to say about men and how to be beautiful. She once married an American and divorced him a week later.

An Englishman to Lina Cavalleri loves with a book of etiquette in one hand. She says he makes a good companion, and a courteous friend.

But, complains the former opera singer, he doesn't laugh, he only smiles; he doesn't eat, he nourishes himself; he doesn't love, he merely makes a home for a woman.

"The Italian, she says, is a dreamer, a poet; he is intelligent, but jealous and irresponsible."

The Frenchman is more practical, according to Lina Cavalleri. Love is a pleasant auxiliary in his life.

The former beauty is 62 now, but she still retains her youthful appearance.

"My secret is simple," she says. "I get up at 5 every morning and take a long walk before breakfast. I never stay up after 10 at night."

"Women sleep too much. They would be healthier if they slept eight hours and no more. They shouldn't let their beds lure them for every small illness," she said.

Better looking than most women at 60, Lina Cavalleri reminisced in an interview.

"Stage life taught me to preserve my body. And I believe beauty is to feminine success what conchwork is to an automobile."

Her theory about food is simple, although unorthodox.

"Once I was the victim of my food. I could not eat strawberries, sardines and other things because I was subject to nettle rash. One bite and my body would break out with it until I became tired of this and decided that if I was to suffer

from nettle rash, I would have to eat what I liked. I did so, and the rash disappeared."

When asked if he had anything to say, Stratford made no reply.

The judge himself placed the black cap on his head.

Passing sentence of death on Stratford, he said: "The jury have found you guilty of murder on evidence which did not permit any doubt of your guilt."

### Mercy Plea

"They added to their verdict a recommendation of mercy."

"That recommendation will be forwarded to his Majesty's Secretary of State and you may rest assured will receive careful consideration."

Flynn was then brought back to the dock.

Mr. Roberts said that she was a woman of good character, but she admitted in a statement, not read to the jury, that a week before the robbery of Mrs. Fortescue she and Stratford together robbed her mistress at Golders Green and stole from her about £5, the woman being subdued while the robbery took place.

Asked if she had anything to say, Flynn replied firmly, "I have not."

The judge, passing sentence of eight years' penal servitude on Flynn, said: "The jury have taken a merciful view of your conduct in this matter. There can be no doubt upon the evidence that you were aiding Stratford in the commission of this crime, and but for your assistance it is probable that Mrs. Fortescue would not have been killed."

Flynn walked from the dock with her hands in her coat pockets.

anyway I would eat my fill. From that day I've eaten what I liked, according to my appetite, within limits. The curious part of it is that I never have been troubled with nettle rash since."

She eats few dishes with quantities of vegetables, fruits and tomatoes. Evenings she eats a light dinner.

On beauty Lina Cavalleri says: "Women should never let their skins become dry. When this happens beauty begins to fade. Even now, when I am no longer young, I rub my entire body with glycerine every night. And every morning I cleanse all grease from 'it. That's all."

Lina Cavalleri began life as a flower girl, rose to be a Russian princess, won fame for her beauty and jewels and was a celebrated opera singer, often accompanying Caruso.

At the sunset of her glamorous life she decided to describe her life in memoirs.

"I wanted to relive old memories by writing them," she said.

"In my book I have told about the squalls of my childhood home and of the triumphs I later achieved in art. My fame as a beauty was only incidental because my beauty was a gift I held in trust."

"But I've not told everything," she added with a smile. "Certain tender memories are too sacred to reveal. To-day I am no longer young nor of the beauty I later achieved in art. My fame as a beauty was only incidental because my beauty was a gift I held in trust."

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7.20 p.m. London—Christmas Poems and Legends from Ireland. Read by Florence Marks.

7.30 p.m. Closing local stock quotations and Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. De Groot and His Orchestra.

Av. Ay. Ay. (Perez and Freire); Ständchen (Strauss); Gipsy Love Selection (Lehar); In the Night (Tate); Under the roofs of Paris (Moretti); I Love You (Grieg); Romance (Rubinstein).

8 p.m. Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.05 p.m. London: "Empire Magazine," No. 10. Christmas Number, specially enlarged and decorated. Edited by Pascoe Thornton.

8.45 p.m. From the Studio. H. L. Ozorio at the Piano.

1. Lee Sims transcription: Gotta feelin' for you; 2. Old favourites medley: Someday Sweetheart; I ain't no nobody; Dinah; 3. Moon-glow; 4. Medley: Leaving memories behind; Solitude; Must I forget? 5. Swing: What a night; I'm confessin'; Rose room.

9 p.m. London: The News and Announcements.

9.25 p.m. London: The Second Cricket Test Match: Australia v. England. An account of the fourth day's play by Allan Kippax, from Sydney. (Electrical recording).

9.35 p.m. Serenade from "The Student Prince" (Donnelly and Rumberg), sung by Allan Prior, Raymond Marlowe, Paul Clemon, Olaf Olson and Chorus.

9.40 p.m. From the Studio. A talk by G. B. Gifford Hull: "Uncontrolled Water."

10 p.m. London: Big Ben. "Imperial Affairs." A talk by H. V. Hodson.

10.15 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.

### CRAIGENGOWER ANNUAL MATCH

Craigengower's annual Married versus Singles cricket match will take place at the Club on Saturday, December 20, commencing at 11 a.m.

A tea dance will follow the match, commencing at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by the Selma Orchestra. The fortnightly Club whist drive will not take place on that date.

Brought before Mr. K. Keen on remand at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, Wong Kook, aged 26, was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment for possession of a forged \$5 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note on Sunday. Defendant was also sentenced to another nine months' hard labour for having returned from banishment before the expired time, having been banished in April, 1935, for a period of ten years. The prison terms are to run concurrently.

Mr. Ashton HILL, for Garden Fete Committee, Kowloon Tong Anglican Church.

Finally, we wish to thank the Press of the Colony and you, Sir, for publicity and other help.

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## Christian Scientists "Scorn to Use Divine Gift of Medicine"

THE action of a Christian Scientist who delayed calling a doctor after his wife had been taken suddenly ill, was criticised by the Barnet Coroner, Mr. T. Ottaway, this month.

The inquest was on Mrs. Alice Saunders, aged 52, of Harris-lane, Shenley, Herts.

Mrs. Saunders collapsed in her husband's cafe at Shenley. Nurses from Shenley Mental Hospital, who were in the cafe, suggested calling a doctor, but this was not done until late that night, and Mrs. Saunders died early the next morning in the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet.

Mr. Saunders told the coroner that his wife and he were both Christian Scientists. He was quite prepared to call a doctor when she collapsed, but she herself said she did not want a

doctor but wanted to be treated by a Christian Science practitioner.

He telephoned to Miss Burnett, the practitioner, and she came from London that night and gave Christian Science treatment. After she had gone a doctor was sent for.

Miss Jessie Burnett, of Warwick-road, London, W.14, said she came to the conclusion that Mrs. Saunders was suffering from nervous breakdown due to overwork.

Dr. H. R. Segar, medical superintendent of Wellhouse Hospital, said that death was due to severe cerebral hemorrhage.

The coroner said that though it appeared that the case was hopeless from the onset of the illness, proper treatment should have been given.

He added: "It is lamentable to think that,

although medical science has, by the help of Divine power and by man's persistence, progressed so far and been made available for all, there are people in the world who will not accept it as a Divine gift and who scorn to make use of it."

The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, adding that they thought there had been neglect by delay in calling a doctor.

### "WONDER" FISH LOSES EYES AND DIES OF GRIEF

Sydney, Dec. 20.  
Vicious little box fish, no more than 6 inches long, have caused the death of Australia's "wonder fish," the 11-foot 8-inch grey nurse shark which set up the world's record for length of captivity.

During nearly four years in captivity at the Taronga Park Aquarium here, Skipper 11, as the shark was known, is estimated to have swum 35,000 miles. After it was attacked and blinded by the box fish, the shark remained motionless at the bottom of the pool, and despite attempts to save its life, the huge fish died after being blind for three weeks.

Since being captured off Sydney Heads in November, 1932, the shark had never stopped swimming previously.

Visitors had been anxious about the safety of the shark because of the tiny shark's shark has been in the pool for three years and eight months, and the box fish have been removed to a separate pool to safeguard it. —United Press.

### THIS'LL MAKE YOU WHISTLE

Hollywood, Dec. 20.

Douglas Shearer, Hollywood sound recorder, says if the words "Fifty-fifty Mississippi" trip off your tongue without a stutter or undue hissing sounds, your diction is probably good enough for the "talkies."

### POPULAR TRAVEL BOOKS: INTEREST OR ESCAPE?

Travel tops the list of popular preferences in a library-book questionnaire recently completed in Croydon.

The Public Libraries Committee is interested to know if this reveals an expanding interest in world affairs or an increase in the number of people who "want to get away from it all."

Despite the great discoveries made in recent years in physics and biology, science comes nearly bottom on the list.

Philosophy comes last of all. And to judge from the position of psychology interest in Freud and his followers is decreasing.

#### HISTORY SECOND

After travel comes history, then biography—evidence of the modern interest in personalities.

Political science and economy (fourth) might have been expected to come fairly high in the list.

Fifth of the 15 subjects is English literature.

The list is given in the forty-seventh annual report of the committee. It is part of a survey of what is being done to fulfill readers' demands.

"The phenomenon of the year," says the report, was the demand for Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom."

More than 1,000 people asked for it at the various libraries under the control of the committee.

### Ancient Egypt Had Its Loan Sharks, Papyrus Dated 109 B.C. Reveals

Chicago, Dec. 20.

A promissory note dating from 109 B.C., believed to be the oldest of its kind, and showing that "loan sharks" existed in ancient Egypt, has been added to the Egyptian archaeological exhibits at Field Museum of Natural History.

Hieroglyphics on the papyrus, translated by Dr. Nathaniel J. Reeh, Philadelphia, reveal an interest rate of 100 per cent and other harsh terms. An interpretation of the translation: "I, the peasant-slave, Ennak-homnu, belonging to the Zemi cemetery, have borrowed from the woman Nekhutes 22½ artabes of wheat. I promise to repay this loan with 100 per-cent interest, making the total due 45 artabes of wheat."

"Further, I promise to repay this loan with good, unblemished, chaffless seedwheat, measured by the same standard as was used in making

me this loan; and I further promise to deliver the said wheat to the house of the woman Nekhutes in the Zemi cemetery without transportation charges, by the last day of the ninth month of the year 9 with no extensions of time to be granted.

"Further, whatever I do not repay in wheat by the aforesaid date I will repay within the following month at the rate of 60 pieces of silver per artab."

"Further, as long as this note is in Nekhutes' possession I cannot claim, unless I can show a receipt, to have made full or partial payment. Further, everything that I now possess or shall acquire is herewith pledged to Nekhutes until I shall have discharged my debt in full. Further, if Nekhutes brings suit against me for failing to meet my obligation, I admit additional liability for any damages. Further, the agent of Nekhutes is hereby authorized to deal with me and I promise to follow his instructions unreservedly and promptly at all times." —United Press.

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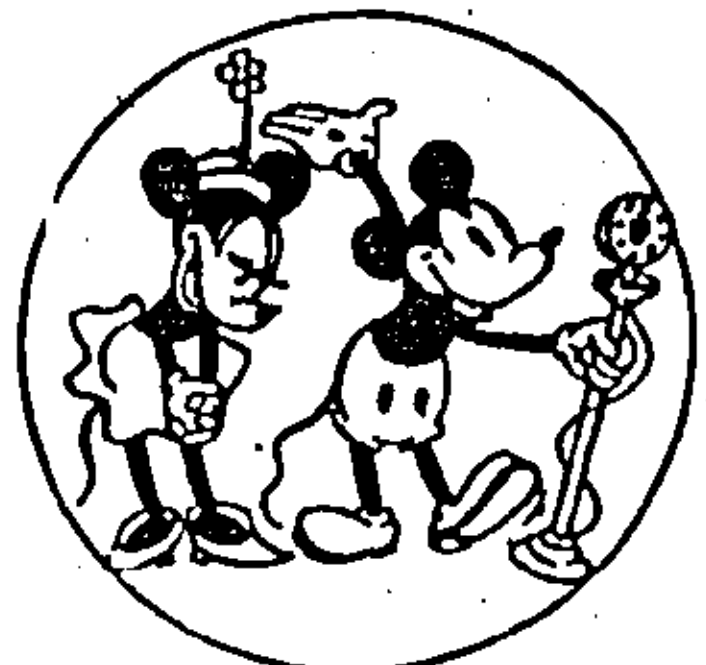
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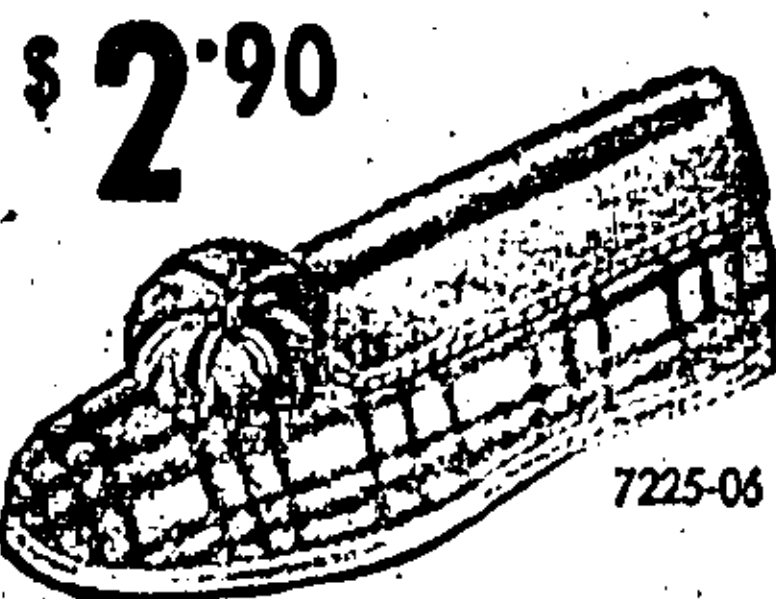
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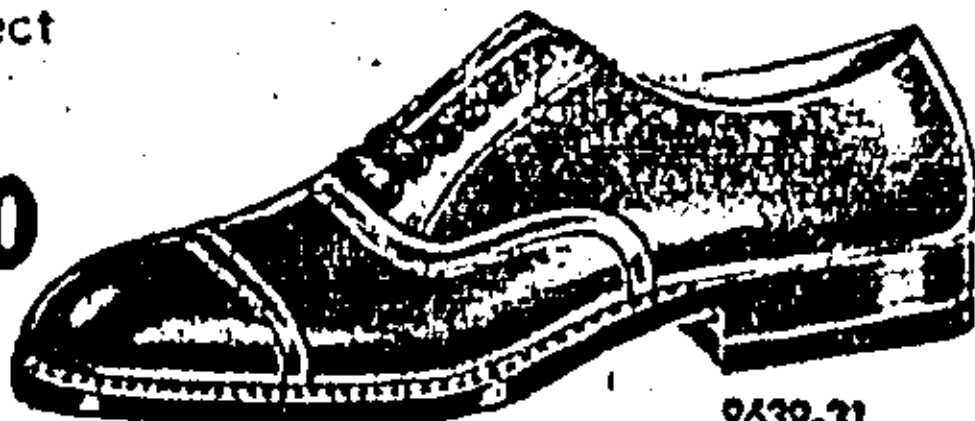
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## How Edward VII Took The Declaration of Protestantism

Journalist Recalls Scene when old form of  
Declaration was used for Last Time.

By  
**MICHAEL MacDONAGH**

Author of "The Pageant of  
Parliament"

I was present as a journalist at that historic scene in the House of Lords, 38 years ago, when the Declaration against the Mass and the Invocation of Saints was made by the Sovereign to Parliament for the last time, and when King Edward VII, who made it, uttered with such manifest reluctance the words which, as he deeply felt, gave great offence to the millions of his Catholic subjects.

The Bill of Rights passed by Parliament in 1689, after the election of King William and Queen Mary, as joint sovereigns of the Throne, following the flight of James II, prescribed that the Declaration should be made and subscribed to by each new Sovereign at the opening of Parliament or at the Coronation, which ever should first happen after Accession. The terms of the Declaration were as follows:

"Superstitious and  
Idolatrous"

I, A. B., do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever. And that the Invocation or Adoration of the Virgin Mary, or any other saint, and the Sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I do make this Declaration and every part thereof in the plain and ordinary sense of the Words read unto me as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any Evasion, Equivocation, or Mental Reservation whatever, and without any dispensation already granted to me for this purpose by the Pope, or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such dispensation from any person or authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, although the Pope, or any other person or persons, or power whatsoever should dispense with or cancel the same, or declare that it was null and void from the beginning.

The Declaration was, in fact, the oath provided in the earlier Test Act "for disabling papists from sitting in either House of Parliament."

There was no specific statute debarring Catholics from becoming Members of Parliament, but this oath just as effectively closed the doors of the Legislature to them. In the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, a new oath was provided for Catholic Members.

Daniel O'Connell  
Frustrated

Daniel O'Connell, whose election for Clare in 1828 compelled the Government to carry Emancipation, was not permitted to take the new oath, on the ground that the Act was not retrospective—a piece of vindictive meanness due, it was said, to the King, George IV—and O'Connell was thus baffled of his ambition of being the first Catholic to take his seat in the House of Commons. O'Connell had to be re-elected for Clare.

Meanwhile, the Earl of Surrey, son and heir of the Duke of Norfolk, was returned for the pocket borough of Horsham and thus gained the distinction of being the first Catholic M.P.

On February 14, 1801, the day that King Edward VII opened his first Parliament, the House of Lords presented a brilliant spectacle. The ceremony is the most ancient and splendid associated with the Sovereign, and as Queen Victoria had allowed it to fall into abeyance on account of her old age, its revival by King Edward was an event of national interest.

The peers were in their robes of scarlet and ermine, the galleries were occupied by the peeresses wearing their coronets or tiaras, but being in mourning for Queen Victoria their ostrich feathers were black. At the Bar were assembled the Commons, headed by the Speaker, having on his right Balfour, Prime Minister, and on his left Campbell-Bannerman, leader of the Opposition.

It was the largest assembly that ever was known of the three Estates of the Realm—the Lords, Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons. For it was a revival of the ceremonial opening of Parliament by the Sovereign in person, which Queen Victoria, on account of her age, had allowed to fall into abeyance. Moreover, for the first time in history the Queen Consort was to be seen on the throne in equal State with the King. Hitherto the Queen Consort sat in a low chair at the foot of the throne.

In the Reporters' Gallery were 20 journalists, the only representatives of the general public. I was there for the first time.

King's Voice Low  
and Indistinct

The King, arrayed in his Imperial Robes, sat on the Throne, with his

Consort, Queen Alexandra, by his side. The Throne was surrounded by heralds and pursuivants, officers of the Royal Household, and leading Ministers of the Government who were peers.

Out of this gorgeous group emerged the Lord Chancellor, distinguished by the full-bottomed wig he wore in addition to his peer's robes, and bending his right knee on the upper step of the Throne, presented the King with one of two copies of the Declaration, retaining the other himself.

Then, rising to his feet, the Lord Chancellor began to read, and the King repeated the words after him from his own copy of the Declaration.

His Majesty looked dissatisfied; and his voice was so low and indistinct as it mingled with the voice of the Lord Chancellor, that the words of the Declaration were for the most part unheard, and, indeed, to many (including some of my colleagues in the Reporters' Gallery) the whole proceeding was unintelligible.

A conspicuous figure at the Throne was the late Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, the leading Catholic layman of the land. He looked down the Chamber with a fixed stare during the Declaration.

The Lord Chancellor next gave the King a scroll-bound copy of the New Testament, which His Majesty kissed. Then a pen and ink-bottle were produced and the King signed the Declaration—not his own copy, I noticed, but the copy read by the Lord Chancellor, which the noble lord, again kneeling, held with both hands while His Majesty affixed his signature.

Declaration the New  
King Will Make

A new form of the Declaration was agreed to by Parliament in June, 1910—the voting in the House of Commons being 383 for, 42 against—and this was made for the first time by King George V on Accession. It is in these terms:

I do solemnly and sincerely, in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful member of the Protestant Reformed Church as by law established in England, and I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant Succession to the Throne of my realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my powers according to law.

It will be made by King George VI when he opens his first session of Parliament.

## OUTLOOK FOR TRADE WITH CHINA

### Unable To Pay Cash

An optimistic opinion regarding trade with China was expressed by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, chief economic adviser to the Government, recently in an address to the Royal Empire Society on his recent financial and economic mission to the Far East.

He said that, considering her size and huge population, China was reasonably tranquil.

He thought that manufacturers should do all they could to maintain their position there. A prosperous China was the largest undeveloped market in the world for manufactured goods.

What China particularly needed, and what we could supply, were railway material; engineering supplies, power plant, &c., for her internal development. She could not afford to buy for cash, and to obtain capital she must take the necessary steps to improve her credit.

In the past, said Sir Frederick, a number of loans had been raised, especially for railways, on which defaults had occurred. The present Government had settled a number of those defaults on a reasonable basis and in other cases had put forward proposals which he hoped would lead to settlements before long.

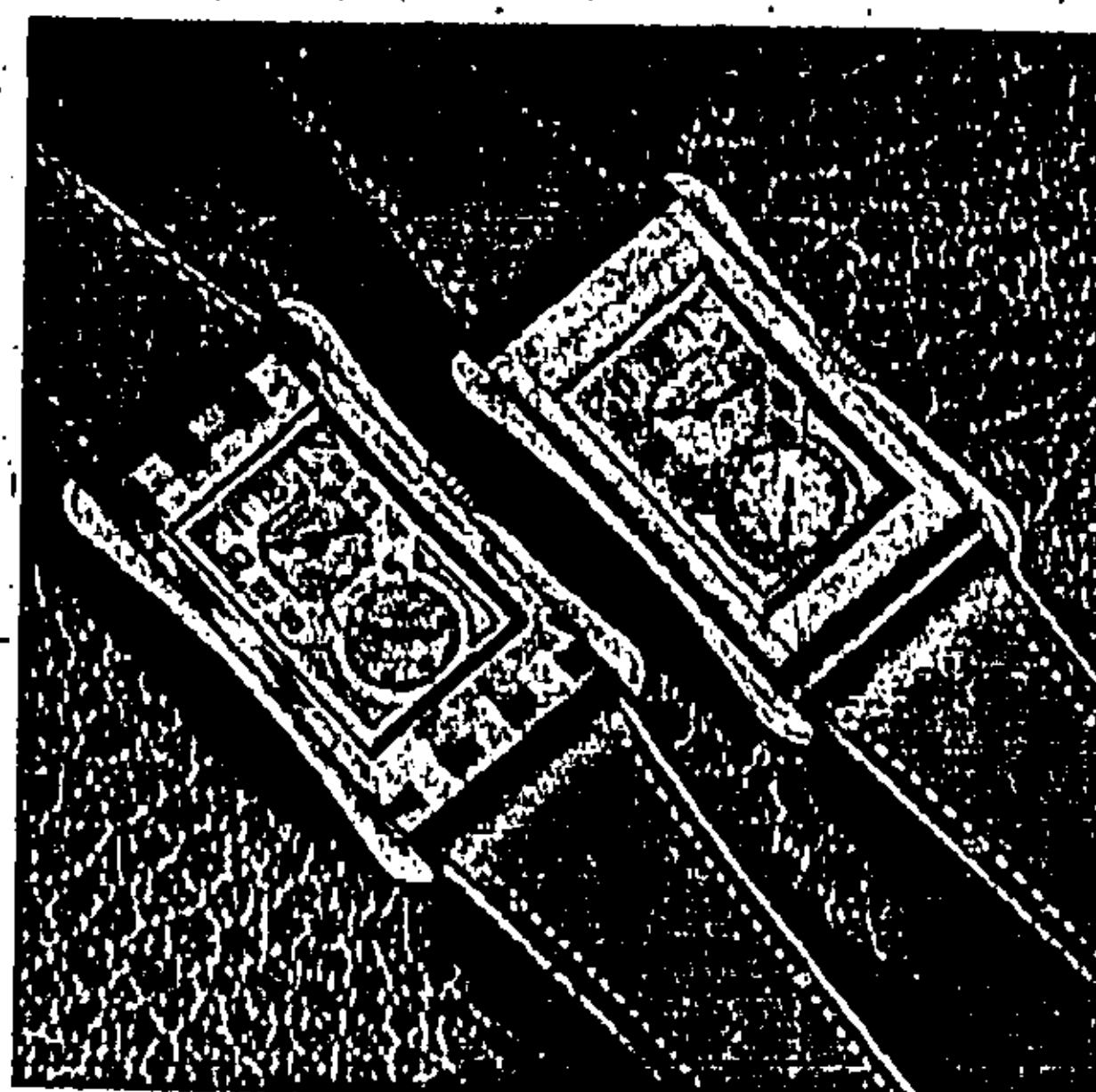
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Sir William Coddling, Controller of the Stationery Office, speaking at a luncheon at the Printing Trades Exhibition, stated that early in the new year Hansard and the London Gazette would follow the example of certain newspapers who had recently redressed in new type.

Mr. Coddling, President of the Exhibition, said that the printing industry in this country to-day was run by craftsmen rather than by workers in the ordinary sense.

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# WHEN ENGLAND BECAME IN COMMAND IN THE FIRST TEST MATCH

## ASTONISHING AUSTRALIAN BATTING AGAINST SLOW BOWLERS

(Continued from Page 12.)

as England's a week or so ago against Mudge and others.

With most admirable spirit Australia bowled and fielded hard when England went in again. The stoutest nerve and bats were needed to hold up the rally: this was an Australian XI, all right.

Whichever the result of the present encounter we seem to be in for a struggle in the rubber which for evenness of power and of sportsmanship will make history and give all of us the palpitations.

### ALLEN'S DARING

With every need at the day's outset to keep the situation tense and the net last round McCabe and Fingleton, Allen dashing out Robins on as one of his opening bowlers. He himself attacked from the pavilion end. Robins is liable to bowl long hops, but on this occasion he got the ball three paces the way of the journey before picking it. The length struck terror in my heart all the same. I expected boundaries each ball.

Allen himself was erratic, and McCabe drove him straight and cut him swift and in his best style. Too soon, from England's point of view, were the batsmen off the mark. Allen obviously shared the same palpable idea, for he retired in favour of Voce, who at once put England ahead by keen bowling to the off side, beautiful in length, and with only Allen at short leg. McCabe sought to hook a short one, and Barnett caught him at deep mid-on.

McCabe on Saturday was warned with a dream ball's precision of how he would lose his wicket to a dark handsome man, which is a reasonably good description of Voce.

### HAMMOND'S CATCH

Fingleton hit Robins to the off, a grand shot with the back foot the propeller, and pulled Robins rather rhetorically past Worthington at forward mid-on.

Voce's next over saw the passing of Robins, who slightly put out his bat to a rare outwinger and sent a low catch as close to the ground almost as a swallow skimming water. Hammond took it with marvellous ease and grace at fine slip. At first Robins did not realise he was out, and there was an agonised pause before he knew where he was or where he was about to go. Presumably he received sentence on an appeal.

Thus the wheel of the match once more swung England's way. Fingleton was the Australian hope now, with his bat straight as a guardsman and his mind cool and protective.

### AUSTRALIA, BEWARE

I was interested in Allen's leadership now. Robins did not let him down (helped by the fact that neither Fingleton nor Chippierfield is an expert at the cut), and he took off Voce, changed Robins over, and at the other end relied on Verity. The basic principle of the move was, we thought, a rest for Voce before the new ball was used at the two hundred.

Verity's silly point and silly mid-on were so close to the block hole that I half expected to see one of them obstruct the ball's flight.

It was a spectacle which would have pleased Charles Macartney to acts of violence, turning him livid with rage. A stranger coming into the ground would have been struck if he had thought Australia's two last men were in with six hundred needed for victory. Australia will lose the rubber if this is going to be their attitude whenever Bradman and McCabe fail to make centuries.

### ENGLAND ON TOP

Robins found a nicely arched length in one over to Fingleton, and came terribly close to ensnaring him leg before. The umpire had to bend low and look hard and wide to see some mental geometry before he could decide in the batsman's favour. Then Chippierfield sent a dangerous hit to Allen from Robins to the off. The batting was so irrevocable that I thought the silly point and silly mid-on were too deep.

The England team were so much in command of the game technically and psychologically that even if they do not win this match the lesson of this morning will not be forgotten. When Barnes and Foster won the rubber in Australia the first match was lost, but the other four were won because the victory wrote on the wall an ironic message. On the stroke of lunch Voce again achieved a magnificent off-side ball, and Chippierfield snatched it fatally without wishing to have anything to do with it.

### FINGLETON'S CENTURY

After lunch Allen baffled us because he did not claim the new ball after all for the retest and match winning Voce. In fact, after two overs he took Voce off and trusted to Robins and Verity, a dangerously experimental procedure in spite of one ball by Verity which spun and jumped delightfully and significantly.

At a quarter to three Fingleton turned Robins to the on for a single and reached his century, a worthy crown for hours of patient devoted batting, all for his side, never showy or vain, but sheer steadfastness and shrewd skill not a picture lining—an innings for the accountability of cricket rather than for the art of the game, but none the less an innings to be proud of, a conquest by character as well as by craft.

Fingleton had no sooner acknowledged the crowd's applause than he was bowled by Verity. The ball came with Verity's arm and kept low. Allen's luck was with him—deeds are better than abstract theory.

I must confess that I was astonished at the Australian batting against the slow bowlers. Voce's attack obviously commanded severe watchfulness, but on a hard ground Verity was allowed to bowl six consecutive maidens, and Robins, at the other end, was as suspiciously regarded. Both these slow bowlers were skilful, but they were allowed to display their arts at will, few, if any, efforts were made to hit them in front of the wicket. Robins, who would be the first to agree that he is no length bowler, could afford to leave his field vacant behind him. Are quick-footed strokes gradually passing out of Australian batsmen also?

Blevins defended well enough, but you can tell his period—post war. Oldfield for a while stemmed the Australian landslide with Blevins until he fell another victim to Voce's quick outwinger. He, like McCabe, only in another way, did not heed the Glee's warning, and another dark handsome man, name of Ames, told his doom.

### A SAD ROUT

Then Blevins was bowled by Allen, playing very late, so late that the stroke will almost

be in time next innings. This was one of the saddest Australian routs I have ever known, one without fight or the old rearward counter-attack led off by Carter, Hugh Trumble, and good old Bill Howell.

Ward made a reflex action at Allen, and Chippierfield caught him at silly mid-on falling over, to set a stroke not hit far enough for him to reach without an effort.

It was necessary for McCormick to come in with a runner, whose services were not elaborately wanted, for O'Reilly hopelessly pushed a catch to Leland, who also had to roll and reach.

Thus ended the sad and surprising tale of one English cricket day for 88 in nearly three hours.

### HOSTILE BAND

The England Eleven were, as the man in Charles Dickens says, transfigured: it was a hostile band of brothers.

Voce was superb: no short stuff, no modern theories, but correct length and much pace off the pitch, and the deadly ball that leaves the bat just a little.

Verity and Robins jumped to their chance and performed a bluff sweet enough to make the pavilion cat laugh. It seemed all too good to be true—or too bad, according to one's point of view.

As the Australian innings subsided in the company of a crowd that had been so happy and trusting, I thought of a passage in the diary of Samuel Pepys: "I went to Charing Cross to see Major-General Harrison hanged, drawn, and quartered, which was done there, he looking as cheerful as any man could do in that condition."

### BITTER BATTLE

England's second innings began with the confidence which confidence begets, until Worthington seemed to become stumped off the wicket-keeper's boots. The occurrence escaped the eternal vigilance of the Press box: none of us knew exactly how Worthington had got out. The main thing was that he was out.

The battle was bitter. The Australian fielder shot out the old fierce opportunities. O'Reilly bowled with all his strength and skill. The Australians were fighting to redeem an evil day. Every ball bowled was a challenge; we could feel at the edge of the field the strain and ordeal through which the players were passing.

Twice was Barnett beaten, once by Ward, once by O'Reilly. The England innings looked of insecure just now, and Ward was bowling his best this time, with flight and spin. We are in for a tussle, a death-grip, goodness knows. And no man yet can say what will be the end.

### COFFIN NAILS

A half-hour or so of painful, unimpaired contention happened while Barnett and Fagg kept guard against the axe of O'Reilly and the skeleton key of Ward. Every ball we knew now was a nail in somebody's coffin, England's or Australia's.

Fagg was gallantly stout and watchful, but we could see Barnett chafing in the corner of Australia's counter attack. At last he made an attempt to escape. He hit freely and beautifully to leg, only to be caught deep as beautifully by Hadcock. Another moment of crisis and despair!

With a pretty off-side, Fagg greeted Hammond, basing himself on the gods at last, slow but charged with fatality.

## MAX BAER COMEBACK LATEST

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SHAKE-UP RESULTS

Chicago, Illinois.

Max Baer, the former heavyweight champion of the world, who will visit England sometime in February to fight Walter Neusel, the German who recently outpointed Ben Foord, British and Empire heavyweight champion, is going to spend Christmas at his home in Livermore, California. He said he was homesick.

Maxie's sudden bout of nostalgia cut short the come-back campaign he has been waging in the hopes of regaining the heavyweight crown he lost to James J. Braddock in June, 1935.

Baer's tour, which ended suddenly after a fight in Toronto, Canada, was not the howling success that the "Livermore Larruper" had hoped it would be.

In fact, the sudden termination of Baer's bid for a comeback was halted so much for his long-lingering for his native California as for the description of the fight by Mr. Mitchell F. Hepburn, the premier of Ontario.

"A fake, fiasco and a disgrace to the sport," said Mr. Hepburn.

### 2nd ROUND K.O.

This fight, which resulted in a second round knockout victory for Max Baer, has precipitated an all round shake up in the Ontario Athletic Commission by the premier.

At the same time, Mr. Hepburn issued orders that, in future, all contracts between boxers and promoters must be filed with the Commission before a permit is issued.

Baer, who entered the ring at 15 st. 2 lbs., a good 10 lbs. overweight, had no comment to make on the Toronto bout, but Benny Ray, a member of the ex-champion's entourage, said that the Toronto promoters had wanted a \$400 opponent for Baer "and that's what they got."

## BY "VERITAS" CLUBHOUSE CHATTER

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position to the luck which inevitably attends these matches. This is not to take away from the Englishmen the credit which rightly belongs to them for making the utmost of the advantages; for the luck of the game can go either way. So far, in both Tests played, it has been with England. Twice Allen has won the toss to give his men the privilege of batting on ideal wickets, and twice Australia has had to go out and try to make runs on a pitch ruined by weather. But one has only to read the detailed reports of the first Test to realise that bad wicket or no bad wicket the English bowlers have performed magnificently and have kept the Australians well in check. Take that first innings of Australia at Brisbane. Neville Cardus, the brilliant commentator, makes no mention of an afflicted wicket when Voce, Robins, Verity and Allen turned back the entire Australian eleven for a mere 224 runs. It was due, according to him, firstly to the excellence and keenness of the English attack (notably Voce who made them swing away in disconcerting fashion), and secondly to the timidity of the Australians. The fact is the English bowlers have been doing magnificent work; they have made use of every advantage offered, but even when conditions were apparently more in favour of the batsmen than the bowlers, they continued to bowl finely enough to outwit the opposition. It is well then, while admitting that Australia has suffered the "bad breaks", to realise that England has been full value for her successes.

## LOCAL FOOTBALL

The following have been selected to represent Portugal against Wales on Boxing Day at the Kowloon Football Club ground in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup:

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## LADIES YACHTING

### U.S. Members Beaten By "The Remainder"

A ladies race, U.S. members against the Remainder was arranged yesterday by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and resulted in a win for the Remainder by 7 points. Miss Crawhall-Wilson, (The Remainder) sailing Widgeon, scored the maximum number of points, Mrs. E. Moore (U.S.) sailing Heron, being second.

The course over a distance of 8.6 miles was as follows: Kowloon Rock (S), Channel Rock (S), Rumsey Shoal (P), Club line.

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Lobo	10.45.07		10	3
(Mrs. E. R. Edwards)				
Isobel	10.42.58		9	4
(Mrs. M. Ellerby)				
Clenda	10.39.43		4	9
(Mrs. S. D. Reid)				
Heron	10.36.58	10.36.50	2	11
(Mrs. E. Moore)				
Zephyr	10.40.55	10.40.27	5	8
(Mrs. D'Arcy-Evans)				

### The Remainder.

Artemis	10.42.05	7	6
(Mrs. G. H. Sheldon)			
Joss	10.41.31	6	7
(Miss B. Kirk)			
True Blue	10.37.15	3	10
(Mrs. G. D. Adams)			
Kittiwake	10.40.25	11	2
(Miss P. M. King)			
Widgeon	10.36.35 10.36.35	1	13
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)			
Zephyr	10.43.09 10.42.45	8	5
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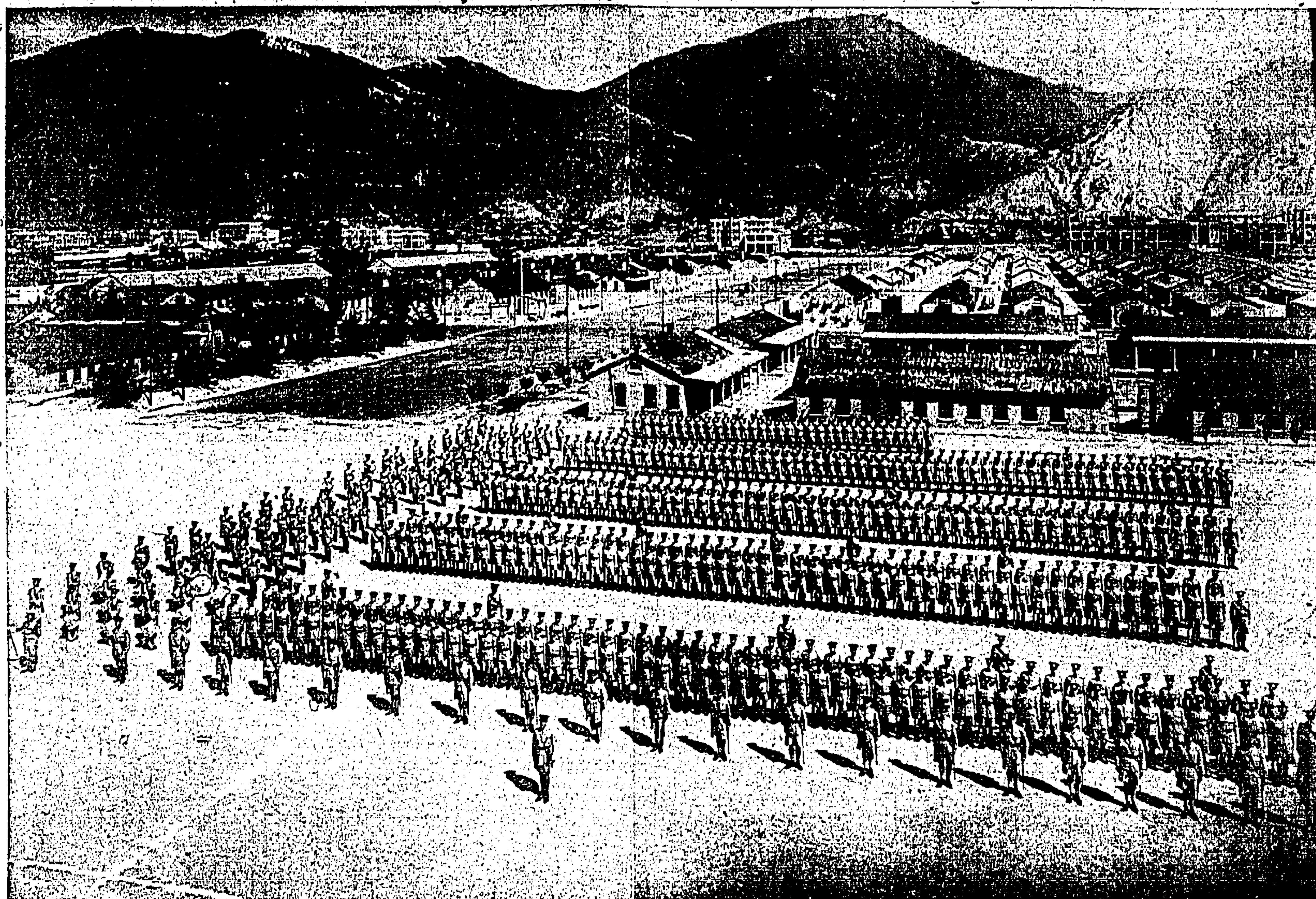
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## BRITISH DECISION PLEASES ITALIANS

CONSULATE-GENERAL FOR ADDIS ABABA  
FRANCE TAKES SAME ACTION

London, Dec. 21.  
The British Government has notified the Italian Government that it has decided to convert the Legation at Addis Ababa into a Consulate-General.

It is pointed out that this decision is quite independent of Anglo-Italian negotiations in the Mediterranean, nor has it any bearing on the question of recognition of the conquest of Ethiopia by Italian arms.—*Reuter*.

PARIS FOLLOWS SUIT.

Paris, Dec. 21.  
The French Charge d'Affaires in Rome has been instructed to inform the Italian Government that France has decided to transform the French Legation at Addis Ababa into a Consulate-General.

Official quarters state this step does not raise the question of recognition of the Italian empire in Ethiopia.—*Reuter*.

DE FACTO RECOGNITION?

London, Dec. 21.  
Britain has decided to convert her Addis Ababa Legation into a Consulate-General, and Sir Eric Drummond, the British Minister to Rome, has so informed the Italian Government.

The action does not constitute de jure recognition of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia, it is officially stated, but it is not explained whether it entails de facto recognition.—*United Press*.

DECISIONS WELCOMED

Rome, Dec. 21.  
The British and French decisions to convert their Addis Ababa Legations into Consulates-General have been warmly welcomed as tantamount to de facto recognition of Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia.

It is considered that this move on the part of London paves the way for an Anglo-Italian gentlemen's agreement in the Mediterranean. It is also reported as a situation depriving the League of Nations of an excuse for allowing Ethiopian representatives to continue to sit in the Assembly at Geneva.

Nevertheless, it is explained, British-French and Italian relations cannot return to full normality until Britain and France grant de jure recognition to Italy in Ethiopia. As it is admitted that such recognition would necessitate a profound reversal of British and French policy, there is no tendency in Italy to press this point as yet.—*Reuter*.

BULGARIAN RECOGNITION

Rome, Dec. 21.  
The Bulgarian Minister has informed Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, that the Bulgarian Government has decided to create a Consulate at Addis Ababa. Recognition of Italian sovereignty follows automatically.—*Reuter*.

## Step Toward Settlement Of Strike

San Francisco, Dec. 21.  
Ship-owners and the Pacific Marine Firemen's, Oilers', Water-tenders' and Wipers' Association have reached a tentative agreement on all disputed points, and have come closer to a settlement of the strike than at any time during the past few weeks' crisis. Their representatives met in secret.

The agreement is subject only to the ratification of the full union membership.

These important achievements are being hailed as a settlement of all differences with other unions can be speedily consummated," said a spokesman.—*United Press*.

## Trotsky Seeks Mexico Refuge MUST QUIT NORWAY IN FORTNIGHT

Oslo, Dec. 21.  
It is learned on good authority that as M. Leon Trotsky's permit to remain in Norway is not being renewed, he is leaving the Scandinavian sanctuary within a fortnight.

His destination is believed to be Mexico, where he has been given permission to reside.

Soviet Russia has brought pressure to bear on Norway to expel the former revolutionary leader since the disclosures at the recent trial of anti-Stalin terrorists, where it was alleged that Trotsky was behind most of the plotting for the Government's overthrow.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

## GUNNERS AND AIRMEN DUEL

Spanish Loyalists Lose Two Machines BUT REBEL ARMS PLANT DESTROYED BY SHELLS

London, Dec. 21.

A Spanish insurgent radio broadcast from Seville claims that two Government aircraft were brought down in the course of a raid over Badajoz.

A Government message from Madrid reports that loyal artillery, during a bombardment in the San Sebastian sector, set fire to the insurgent arms factory at Vega, which was totally destroyed.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

ARTILLERY DUELLING

Madrid, Dec. 21.

*El Socialista's* Oviedo correspondent says that Government guns have blown up the arms factory at La Vega, which has been manufacturing weapons for the insurgents since the outbreak of the civil war. The telephone building has also been set afire there, he adds.

Meanwhile, the rebels have commenced a long-range bombardment of Madrid, firing intermittently upon selected targets. A shell bursting near the Telephone Exchange Building hurled shrapnel through the press room windows within three feet of the heads of a handful of sleeping newspaper correspondents.

The Government is prepared to take the offensive for the first time since the inception of the siege of Madrid in order to thwart the attempt of the rebels to make a junction of three powerful armies, including those commanded by Generals Mola and Varela.

It is reliably stated in a military quarter that "This will be an important week" in the siege, with Monday or Tuesday the date of a "decisive battle."—*United Press*.

Exchanging Hostages

St. Jean de Luz, Dec. 21.  
The Basque Minister of Justice has arrived aboard a British destroyer and proceeded to Bayonne with a view to negotiating with the insurgents for a large-scale exchange of hostages for Christmas.

It is possible that the delegates will also initiate discussions for some kind of an armistice on the Basque front.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

## Earthquake Destroyed San Vicente

San Salvador, Dec. 21.  
San Vicente, a town in the interior of the republic of El Salvador, was completely destroyed by two earthquake shocks during the week-end.

The first occurred Saturday night and the second Sunday morning. Both were felt over a wide area.

The death toll is now estimated at 100. No foreigners were among the victims.—*Reuter*.

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